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Vishwavasu: Uttarayana Tithi: Vaishakha Shukla Dasami till 10.21 am Star: Purvaphalguni till 6.19 pm Varjyam: 2.21 am to 4.08 am (Thursday) Durmuhurtham: 11.47 am to

Rahukalam: 12 noon to 1.30 pm **HIJRI CALENDAR** Zeegadah 8,1446 H **PRAYERS** Fajar: 04.41 am

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SUNRISE TOMORROW 05.46 AM SUNSET TODAY 06.38 PM MOONRISE 02. 28 PM **MOONSET 02.24 AM**



Not fake news-I am more worried about spreading facts!

C.V. Anand,

HNEW get award

Hyderabad: City police commissioner C.V. Anand and the **Hyderabad Narcotics** Enforcement Wing (HNEW) have been awarded first place in the category of "Excellence in Anti-Narcotics" at the World Police Summit (WPS) to be organised by then Dubai police.

Full report Page 4

Union Carbide

waste disposal

Bhopal: The incineration of 307 tonnes of waste from the defunct Union Carbide factory in Bhopal has begun in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district and is expected to be completed in 55 days, an official said on Tuesday. The incineration process began around 7.45 pm on Monday at a disposal plant run by a private company in Pithampur, state Pollution Control Board's regional officer Srinivas Dwivedi said.

■ Full report Page 9

Merz wins

German polls

Berlin: Friedrich Merz succeeded Tuesday in his bid to become the next German chancellor during a second vote in parliament. hours after he suffered a historic defeat in the first round. The conservative leader had been expected to smoothly win the vote to become Germany's 10th chancellor since World War II. No candidate for chancellor in postwar Germany has failed to win on the first ballot. Merz received 325 votes in the second ballot.

■ Full report Page 10

OP SINDOOR: INDIA STRIKES PAK, MISSILES DESTROY TERROR BASES

Pak military bases spared, India says response measured, huge blast in Srinagar

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs **NEW DELHI, MAY 7**

India said on early Wednesday that it has carried out Operation Sindoor hitting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

India targeted the terror infrastructure from where terrorist attacks have been planned and directed, the Army said. As this paper went to print at 2.45 am, reports

spoke of a huge explosion in Srinagar. Its sources could not be confirmed. Altogether, nine sites have been targeted, it said.

"Our actions have been focused, measured and non-escalatory in nature. No Pakistani military facilities have been targeted. India has demonstrated

considerable restraint in selection of targets and method of execution," the Indian Army said.

These steps come in the wake of the barbaric Pahalgam terrorist attack in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen were murdered. We are living up to the commitment that those responsible for this attack will be held accountable," it said.

In a high-level meeting with the top defence brass, Prime Minister Modi on April 29 gave the armed forces "complete operational freedom" to decide on the mode, targets and timing of the response to the Pahalgam terror attack. Modi also emphasised the national resolve to deal a "crushing blow to

terrorism" Islamabad, the Pakistan Army claimed

India hits back

- 9 missiles fired at terror bases in PoJK and PoK, Indian Army affirms.
- Blasts heard in PoK capital Muzaffarabad, power shut down.
- Loud explosion reported heard in Srinagar.

that India had launched air strikes against the Wednesday, vowing to respond to the attack.

A Reuters report said multiple loud explosions were heard in several places in Pakistan and Pakistani Kashmir on Wednesday.
After the explosions,

power was blacked out in Muzaffarabad, the capital



OPERATION

nesses said. It was not immediately clear what the explosions were.

Pakistan Army spokesman Lt Gen Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry said that missile strikes were fired by India at Kotli and Muzaffarabad in Pakistanoccupied Kashmir and Bahawalpur in Punjab.

'Some time ago, India launched air strikes on

Subhanullah mosque in Bahwalpur's Ahmed East area, Kotli and Muzaffarabad at three places from the air," he told ARY News channel.

"All of our air force jets are airborne. This cowardly and shameful attack was carried out from within India's airspace. They were never allowed to come and intrude into the

"Let me say it unequivo-cally: Pakistan will respond to this at a time and place of its own choosing. This heinous provocation will not go unanswered," he added.

He said that damage assessments are ongoing and that he would provide more information later. This "temporary happi-

ness" that India has achieved with this attack will be replaced with enduring grief, he added. Earlier in the day. United Nations Security Council member nations told Islamabad to sort out the Kashmir dispute bilaterally, thwarting Pakistan's attempt to internationalise the situation in Kashmir in the wake of the

Pahalgam terror attack. At a closed-door consultation, the UNSC called for

India, UK clinch

free trade deal

Many Indian exports will face zero tariff in UK

Islamabad as several member nations came down heavily on Pakistan and posed tough questions over the terror group Lashkar-e-Tayyaba (LeT) operating from its soil, according to a news

agency report.
The UNSC members nations pointed out to Islamabad that tourists were gunned down after segregation based on religion, and condemned the Pahalgam terror attack in the Kashmir Valley that took place April 22, in which 26 people lost their lives. Islamabad was told that its nuclear rhetoric and missile tests were escalating tension with India.

Also, Pakistan's "false flag" narrative accusing India was soundly reject-

Gali, 6 others get jail in OMC scam

Speed up work on

radial roads: CM

GANDEED I DC

After over 14 years, a special CBI court here on Tuesday sentenced Karnataka former minister and 'mining baron' Gali Janardhan Reddy, his brother-in-law B.V. Srinivasa Reddy and five to seven years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) in the ₹884 crore Obulapuram Mining Company scam, which involved illegal

mining. The others convicted were former director of mines of undivided AP

L. VENAKT RAM

HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Chief Minister A. Revanth

Reddy directed officials to execute road infrastruc-

ture projects in a manner

that they cater to the

state's needs for the next

50 years. The Chief Minister said that the alignments of the RRR (South), radial roads,

junctions and connectivi-ty points should be metic-

At a review meeting, the

CM focused on the Hyderabad Regional Ring

ulously planned.

REDDY I DC

V.D. Rajagopal and company partner K. Mehafus

One accused, Rao Linga Reddy, died during the trial, while the case against IAS officer Y. Srilakshmi was quashed by the Telangana High Court in 2022.

Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) MLA and former mines of undivided AP minister Sabitha Indra Reddy and retired IAS officer B. Krupanandam were acquitted due to lack of evidence.

■ Page 7: OMC involved in

Road (RRR), radial roads

that will connect to the

ORR, and associated infra

He instructed officials to

conduct Lidar surveys in advance, particularly in areas involving forest

land, water resources,

mandal headquarters-band villages. He high-

lighted the strategic role

of radial roads in facilitat-ing satellite townships

and industrial park devel-

opment. He called for

expediting the construc-

tion of radial roads con-

necting the ORR with the

developments.

Jammu & Kashmir SDRF personnel conduct a mock drill at Dal Lake on Tuesday.

Hyd to hold civil defence drill today

BALU PULIPAKA, RACHEL DAMMALA AND MANVI VYAS I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Hyderabad is all set to join the nationwide 'Operation Abyas', the drill to test civil defence preparedness, at 4 pm on Wednesday, in an exercise that will last 30 minutes, with air raid sirens set to be heard over the city for the first time in nearly 54 years.

The last time the city heard these sirens was during the 1971 war with Pakistan. On Wednesday, Hyderabad will join 295 CD (civil defence) cities and towns in 244 districts of the country in the civil defence drill. The exercise received an edge following Indian missile strikes on Pakistan,

Full coverage on Page 2

· Sirens will be sounded throughout the city within the ORR

limits to alert the public to take precautions between 4 & Wednesday. Actual civil defence

exercises will be conducted at 4 locations Secunderabad cantonment, Golconda canton-

ment, Kanchanbagh and Nacharam. The exercises will

be conducted only in civilian locations. Fire department

will identify four locations in consultation with the police. At 10.30 am, preparations for drills will be made with

all departments concerned at selected sites, according to plans laid out before the Indian missile strike on Pakistan.

ACTUAL DRILL WILL BE CONDUCTED AT 4 PM

NEW DELHI, MAY 6 India and the United **PREPARATIONS**

SRIDHAR

Kingdom — the world's fifth largest and sixth largest economies — signed a landmark free trade deal which will remove taxes on the export of labour-intensive products such as leather, footwear and clothing, while making imports of whisky and cars from Britain cheaper.

KUMARASWAMI | DC

The India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) along with the Double Contribution Convention were announced after Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to his British counterpart Sir Keir Starmer on Tuesday evening. It was under negotiations for over three years.

India will gain from tariff elimination on about 99 per cent of the tariff lines covering almost 100 per cent of the trade value offering huge opportunities for increase in the bilateral trade between India and the UK, the commerce ministry said. Presently there is up to

20 per cent duty on these segments in Britain. Commenting on the development, Modi posted on social media platform

India economy to be 4th largest

SANGEETHA G. | DC CHENNAI, MAY 6

India will be the fourth largest economy, surpassing Japan this year, following the US, China and Germany, the Interna-tional Monetary Fund has said. The Indian economy is expected to reach \$4.187 billion in nominal GDP in 2025, compared to \$4.186 billion for Japan.

As the fastest growing large economy, India is

expected to grow by 6.3 per cent from \$3.91 trillion in 2024 to \$4.187 trillion in 2025, while Japan with its 0.6 per cent growth will be growing marginally from \$4.03 trillion to \$4.186 trillion. By 2025, the US will be a \$30.51 trillion economy, followed by China with \$19.23 trillion and Germany \$4.74 trillion.

As per the current GDP projections, IMF estimaates India to be a \$4.6 trillion economy next year.

WHAT IT **MEANS FOR ME**

British-made cars, whiskey, gin, medical devices, electrical products as well as certain food goods will become more affordable in India.

X, "Delighted to speak with my friend PM @Keir_Starmer. In a his-

toric milestone, India and the UK have successfully concluded an ambitious and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement, along with a Double Contribution Convention." According to a statement issued by Britain said the FTA would "slash Indian tariffs on key products such as whisky, cosmetics and medical devices, locking in reductions on 90 per cent of tariff lines for UK exports.

Assets of SC judges now in public domain

DC CORRESPONDENT With agency inputs

Outgoing Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna has declared ₹55.75 lakh in a fixed deposit, a three-bed-room DDA flat in south Delhi, and a four-bedroom apartment measuring 2,446 square feet in the Commonwealth Games

Justice CJI-designate B.R. Gavai has more than ₹19.63 lakh in the bank, a house in Maharashtra's Amravati inherited from

JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA has ₹55.75 lakh in a fixed deposit, a three-bedroom DDA flat in south Delhi, and a four-bedroom apartment measuring 2,446 square feet in the Commonwealth

his deceased father, apart-

ments in Mumbai's Bandra

and Delhi's Defence

Colony, and agricultural

lands in Amravati and

In a bid to enhance trans-

Nagpur.





Court on Monday uploaded

statements of assets of

indges on its website, fol-

lowing a full-court decision

on April 1, 2025, to place

the relevant details in the

JUSTICE B.R GAVAI | Has over ₹19.63 lakh in the bank, a house in Maharashtra's Amravati inherited from his deceased father, apartments in Mumbai's Bandra and

Delhi's Defence Colony, and agricultural lands in Amravati and Nagpur. parency, the Supreme

public domain. According to data, CJI Khanna, who will superannuate on May 13, has a 56 per cent share in a four-bedroom flat in Sispal Vihar, Sector 49 of Gurugram, admeasuring

share in a house and land at Dalhousie, Himachal Pradesh. Data further revealed that he has an investment in Public Provident Fund of over ₹1.06 crore, GPF of ₹1,77,89,000, LIC Money Back Policy yearly premium of ₹29,625 and shares worth ₹14,000.

Among movable assets, CJI Khanna has 250 grams of gold, 2 kg of silver, which is mostly inherited and gifted, and a 2015 car. Justice Gavai, who will take over as CJI on May 14,

ing gold ornaments and jewellery worth ₹5.25 lakh, his spouse has jewellery worth ₹29.7 lakh and a cash deposit of ₹61,320. Of the 33 judges, 21 have

put the details of their assets in the public domain. Justice Surya Kant, who will become the Chief Justice of India on November 24 this year, has a house in Sector 10 in Chandigarh, 13 acres of land agricultural Panchkula, and a 300 square yard plot Gurugram.

CASHLESS AID FOR VICTIMS OF MISHAPS IN NH

More reports in FC

New Delhi: Road accident victims all over India will be entitled for cashless treatment of up to ₹1.5 lakh for the first seven days at designated hospitals, the Centre said. The scheme is aimed at reducing the number of deaths arising from accidents every year due to delay in time-

ly medical intervention. The National Health Authority (NHA) shall be the implementing agency for the programme.

SHORT TAKE

SONU SOOD JOINS AS JUDGE FOR MISS WORLD

DC CORRESPONDENTS HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Film actor Sonu Sood will receive a humanitarian award for his work with the Sood Charity Foundation and will be a judge at the Miss World finals, it was announced on Tuesday.

The opening ceremony on May 10 at Gachibowli Indoor Stadium will Telangana's folk and tribal dances and see the introduction of over 100 contestants.

Tourism minister Jupalli Krishna Rao visited the Shamshabad airport to review preparations for welcoming the contestants. He instructed officials to

plan a traditional welcome reflecting Telangana's culture and hospitality.

He called for faster immigration and customs checks and

more staff to receive the From Thursday, contestants will visit historic and cultural places in Telangana. "The state represents our mission, 'Beauty With a Purpose,'" said

CEO of the Miss World Organisation. Tourism Telangana announced that complimentary passes for the events will be available through an online

Julia Morley, chairperson and

registration process on the https://tourism.telangana.gov. in. Those with confirmed registrations will receive an email and can collect their passes at the Gachibowli Stadium box office starting

Blow to HCA as HC sets aside staff appointments

NEERAJ KUMAR I DC

In vet another major setback to Hyderahad Cricket Association (HCA) top brass, the Telangana High Court set aside the appointment of staff and coaches including that of former India cricketer B.K. Venkatesh Prasad as consultant for cricket operations and game develop-ment, The HCA had sidelined the Hyderabad Cricket Academy of Excellence (HCAE), a highquality cricket

coaching academy having dedicated coaches and a director, to bring in a new team.

Justice Nagesh

Bheema-paka of the Telangana High Court passed the order in a petition filed by HCA vicepresident Sar-dar Daljeet Singh, joint secretary T. Basava Raju, ICA male representative Swaroop and ICA female representative Vanka Roma Singh, who contended that the appointments were in violation of the bylaws, rules and regula-

tions of the HCA.

The court in its order directed the recovery of the amount paid to the new team from the personal accounts of the respondents, which include the HCA president, secretary, treasurer and the CEO, and not from the account of the HCA. The amount was paid to Venkatesh Prasad, Him-

ani Yadav, Mamata Kanojia, Arjun Hoysala, Sabyasaachi, Rajshekar Shanbal, Hyderabad Ranji Vineet Saxena, Shravanti Naidu and B.R. Suvarna Laxmi.

The petitioners contended that the four office-bearers of the HCA had entered into an agreement, without the approval of the Apex Council on August 30, 2024, with Venkatesh Pradesh, appointing him as consultant for cricket operations with a remuner-

annum. Deccan Chronicle had reported the abrupt decision of the HCA to replace the coaching and support staff of the HCAE after the state team won the 2024 Buchi Babu

ation of ₹75 lakh

Tournament. This newspaper is in possession of the letter written by Vijay Mohan Rao, director of HCAE, to the HCA bosses on the matter.

"This unilateral action violates the provisions of HCA memorandum and amounts to breach of fiduciary duty by respondents, as they are illegally executing appointment contracts without consulting or obtaining approval from the Apex Council," the petitioners argued in court.

Justice Bheemapaka in his order dated May 2 stated that the court did not find fault with Venkatesh Prasad and others for

fact remained that the appointments made on behalf of the HCA were not in accordance with the rules and regulations. The petitioners also pointed out that the office-bearers had failed to convene the Apex Council meetings as required, did not provide notices or agendas, and ignored requests for audit reports and financial statements.

They argued that these actions breached the fiduciary duties of the officebearers and violated the association's rules on governance and appointments.

The petitioners sought a writ of mandamus to declare the appointments illegal, direct financial disclosures, and restore proper governance by ensuring inclusive meetings and adherence to the bylaws. The court was presented with detailed arguments on the gover-nance structure of the HCA, the powers of the Apex Council versus those of the office-bearers, and the procedural requirements for appointments and financial

disclosures. "This case underscores ongoing governance issues, highlighting the importance of following established rules and ensuring collective oversight to prevent arbitrary decisions," said T. Basava Raju, HCA joint secretary and one of the petitioners.

PAKISTAN WAR OF 1971 MARKED LAST

rain warning sirens sounded over Hyderabad, it was during the 1971 war Pakistan. Hyderabad considered vulnerable to attacks by the enemy, Wednesday's air raid drills are expected to not only test the preparedness of government agencies' response but has also sent officials into making plans for installing air raid sirens across the city.

There are barely any such sirens, except possibly at a few defence related establishments.

sirens at some industries, but on Wednesday's first air raid

drill, it will be the police sirens that will sound the alarm across Hyderabad. Though some religious establishments too have sirens, a decision has been taken for now not to put them to use.

The absence of air raid sirens — and the sudden need for them which brought the prospect of war to the city's doorsteps — which were not required after the 1971 war, was also discussed at a meeting in the city of top government officials from various depart-

'We have already started looking for sources from where the sirens can be procured. In the past they used to be hand cranked and now there but now there are electronic ones.

ment official said.

Civil Defence drill in few areas, not in Army areas

Power likely to be cut in some areas, broadband too

ACTION BY PUBLIC & VOLUNTEERS

DC CORRESPONDENTS HYDERABAD, MAY 6

While Hyderabad prepares for a large-scale air raid drill on Wednesday, defence-linked several institutions have confirmed they will not be involved in the exercise as it is designed to test civil defence, meaning preparedness of civilians and various

Hyderabad police commissioner C.V. Anand, speaking to Deccan *Chronicle*, said the initial phases of the drill will be limited to low-footfall areas, and were for gauging internal preparedness He added that all DCPs had been put on alert to coordinate with local police stations and maintain law and order during the exercise.
"We want this to go

smoothly without causing any panic or disruption,

With the focus being on civil defence, officials from the National Cadet Corps (NCC), defence establishments, and the Secunderabad nment Board (SCB) said they had no role in the

"We've not received any orders or information," said an NCC official. A senior SCB officer noted, "This is a purely civil lawand-order exercise being handled by city police and municipal services."

Joint commissioner of police (traffic) D. Joel Davis said that traffic management plans were being drafted and updates would be shared with motorists.
"We are still for-

mulating strate-gies for handling traffic situations during the drills. Diversions will be informed in time.' he said. Once the sirens go off,

officials said the public was expected to respond by immediately, seeking shelter, turning off lights and appliances, and not give in to rumours. Though the exercise will occur during the day, blackout protocols will be in place and should be followed by all, officials said. Authorities may temporarny cut power in

The drills have, mean- puses.



Turn off utilities - If you're at home, turn off electrical appli-/ ances, gas, and open flames like stoves or fireplaces;

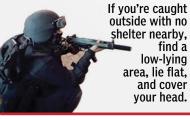
updates from official sources like TV, radio, or government apps only; Avoid rumors -

Stav informed - Follow

underground shelter;

Stay put until Do not rely on safe - Remain in unverified your shelter sources; always until authorities follow official sound the all-clear. instructions.

Stay as protected as possible.



Hitec City. "I'm planning

charged.

to leave early and

keep my phone

a remote worker, added, "If my broadband goes

down during a client

call, I'll switch to mobile

data. I've backed up all my

He said he and his col-

leagues had no idea about

the mock drill until they

shared a WhatsApp for-

official email or notice

from our workplace on the

Meanwhile, several IT companies in the city have

sent emails to their

employees asking them to take part in the mock drill

in their respective cam-

"We have received no

files in advance.

Ramesh Kumar.

reach respective incident sites by 4.20 pm; Police to keep incident areas clear, enable other CD services do their work: Civil defence wardens & volunteers to report 'damage', 'missing per-

ACTION BY CIVIL

Police, fire

brigade, res-

cue/SDRF, med-

ical, revenue/local

municipal authorities to

sons' to the fire brigade and rescue services Fire, rescue services to 'start' firefighting, search and rescue operations

immediately.

SDRF & DRF to clear the 'rubble, debris/wreckage' to clear path for free movement of CD services to facilitate rescue operations;

Medical & mealth services to be ready for triage, first aid and shifting of 'injured'; Temporary hospi-

tals to treat the

'injured'; **Transport services** to be ready to shift the evacuated public from 'endangered areas' to pre-identified safe shel-

ters/bunkers.

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AIR RAID SIRENS DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, MAY 6

When the last time air

There are

ments on Tuesday.

One issue that was also discussed was the number that may be needed for the city, and where exactly to install them. We hope to put all of these issues in place in the next few days," a senior govern-

while, sparked off individ-Kacheguda station ual preparations. "I usually sign off from work at 4 pm and travel back to chosen for exercise Kukatpally. If roads are blocked or power goes out, it'll definitely slow things down." said Lavanya R., an IT employee working at

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

South Central Railways said that it would hold a comprehensive defence drill at the Kacheguda station in Hyderabad division and a few other stations in its zone, on Wednesday.

The drill would be organised under the supervision of SCR deputy general manager Udaynath Kotla, who is also controller of civil defence, along with team of civil defence volunteers. instructors and personnel who would simulate a hostile attack scenario to evaluate emergency preparedness and interagency coordination.

Activation of air raid warning sirens, enforce-

plan rehearsals, readiness testing of civil defence services, including firefighting, basic life support (BLS) and rescue operations form part of the drill. In a statement, SCR said

all departments concerned would take part in the exercise and ensure the smooth execution of the drill at their respective locations. Additionally, blackout measures will be enforced in railway stations during the drill period, including switching off of non-essential lighting and covering of windows, in line with civil defence guidelines. This exercise aims to strengthen the overall emergency response framework and readiness of railway personnel and infrastructure ment of crash blackout in the event of a wartime evacuation emergency, SCR said

Hyd ready for 'Operation Abhyaas'

BALU PULIPAKA, RACHEL DAMMALA AND MANVI VYAS I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Hyderabad is all set to join the nationwide 'Operation Abyas', the drill to test civil defence preparedness, at 4 pm on Wednesday, in an exercise that will last 30 minutes, with air raid sirens set to be heard over the city for the first time in nearly 54 years. The last time the city heard these sirens was during the 1971 war with Pakistan.

Wednesday. On Hyderabad will join 295 CD (civil defence) cities and towns in 244 districts of the country in the civil defence drill. The drills are designed to simulate an incoming air raid, and actions to be taken by government departments and agencies, and steps to be taken by civilian population, in the event of an actual air raid by the

Officials, who attended a video conference hosted by the Union ministry of home affairs on Tuesday on Operation Abhyaas, four areas Secun-Hyderabad Cantonment, derahad Cantonment, Golconda Kanchanbagh, and Nacharam – were identified for the drills. The actual locations within these areas where the drills will be performed will be revealed to the agencies involved in the exercise only after the sounding of the sirens.

The South Central Railway said it would hold the drill at Kacheguda and some other stations.As part of the drill, industrial sirens, police public address systems at junctions, announcements by patrol vehicles, and fire department alarms will be triggered simultaneously for two minutes at 4 pm across the city, within the Outer Ring Road limits, to

beginning of an air raid be personnel from the fire alert. The all-clear will be given with a one-minute

long siren at 4.30 pm. This is an exercise, the first of several that are likely to follow, aimed at sensitising people. The most important thing for everyone to bear in mind is that no one should panic. This aspect holds good for the mock drills. as well as for any real-life event. The goal is to gear up for any hostile attack if such a thing occurs,' Director-General of Fire Services Y. Nagi Reddy, who is the head of Telangana's civil defence, told Deccan Chronicle.

Though it will only be a drill, the actual locations of 'air raid impact sites' will be "made known" to the various agencies a few minutes after the sirens are sounded, to test and establish their reaction times and efficacy. To be involved in the drills and alert residents to the rushing to the 'rescue' will

services. State Disaster Response Force, the police, and some other agencies, a senior government official said. Since this is the first such civil defence event in more than four decades, around 12 agencies that will take part, will be meeting at 10.30 am, to prepare for the drill and the actual 'air raid impact' locations will be chosen in consultation with the police. "The first few days of such drills, these will be limited to areas with less footfall and will avoid major public spots. Once our interpreparedness gauged, drills in more crowded public areas will be introduced," Hyderabad police commissioner C.V. Anand said. As we make progress, more and more elements will be included along with participation of civilian volunteers as part of our civil defence preparation,

PIL filed against illegal classes by jr colleges

DC CORRESPONDENTS

HYDERABAD, MAY 6

A PIL been filed before the Telangana High Court complaining of the inaction of the education department and Intermediate Board of Education against private junior colleges which were conducting physical or online classes during the summer vacation. Petitioner Bandela Kranthi Kumar submitted that the private colleges were violating the mandate of the board guidelines but no action was taken against them.

C.R. Sukumar, counsel rep-

said that students who have recently completed Class 10 were prematurely offered admissions in the private colleges without following norms. Excessive sessions without mandated breaks lead to enormous stress, mental health ailments, burnouts. anxiety, depression and even suicidal tendencies amongst students, the peti-

CM TO LAUNCH HYDRAA STATION TOMORROW

tioner stated.

The long-awaited HYD-RAA police station is set to

by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The station, set up beside HYDRAA head-quarters at Buddha Bhavan, will constitute an ACP, six inspectors, 12 subinspectors and 30 constables. It will have 70 vehicles. HYDRAA had recruited about 150 people who had narrowly missed out in the police constable examinations. They will be appointed into the HYD-RAA's traffic wing, while some of them will be deputed into the DRF teams. Officials said that the structural works of the

police station were com-

touches are being given to the premises.

GI OFFICIALS STUDY BALANAGAR SITAPHAL

A team of experts examined the unique geographical characteristics of the Balanagar custard apple in Mahbubnagar, for which a geographical indication (GI) registration has been sought. The experts studied custard apple trees, located on the bunds of fields in Pomal, Kollur, Kesharavalpalli, and Kothapalli of Nawabpet mandal. The team later studied

growing naturally in the

RESERVOIRS READY IN

OSMANNAGAR reservoirs Osmannagar are ready to supply drinking water to colonies, gated communities and villages. These reservoirs are part of the ORR Phase-2 project to benefit around 1 lakh people. So far 22 km of water pipelines have been laid and 55 bulk connections planned. Board MD Ashok Reddy visited the site on Tuesday to check the final

SHORT TAKES

BJP SUBMITS MEMO TO GOV. OVER **PAK NATIONALS**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

A BJP delegation led by politburo member Dr K. Laxman met Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and urged him to direct the state government to take immediate action to deport Pakistani nationals illegally residing in Telangana.

It was a matter of national security and deserved priority, the delegation said. State BJP vice-presidents Dr G Vijaya Rama Rao, Sankineni Venkateswar Rao, Endala Lakshminarayana, Prabhakar, general secretaries G. Premender Reddy, Dugyala Pradeep Kumar, Shruthiand D. Bangaru Venkateswarlu were part of the delegation that met the Governor at Raj Bhavan

BJP LEADERS DEMAND REVANTH TO STEP DOWN

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

The BJP questioned the motive behind Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy repeatedly telling about empty coffers and claimed that it was a ploy to turn the people against government employees retired employees who were pressing for their demands to be met, claimed BJP Assembly floor leader A. Maheshwar

"If Chief Minister cannot deliver the promises he made to the people and has no plans to bring the state out of bankruptcy, he must step down and seek a fresh mandate," Maheshwar Reddy said with

newsmen on Tuesday. Malkajgiri BJP MP Etala Rajendar sought an open apology from the Chief Minister and demanded that he step down if he was unable to deliver on the promises made to

'Telangana society is feeling insulted with the comments of Revanth Reddy about the state

KTR REBUTS **REVANTH'S STATE DEBT CLAIMS**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of insulting government employees, mismanaging the state's economy, and failing to deliver on election promises. Chief Minister's derogatory remarks against state employ ees who have been vocal about pending salaries and dues, sought to portray the employees as 'villains' in the eyes of the public. This is a conspiracy to deflect accountability," he alleged.

At a press conference, Rama Rao accused the Chief Minister of spreading falsehood about the state's debt and economic condition to cover up administrative failures. His statement that Telangana is bankrupt is unprecedented. He turned a prosperous Telangana into chaos." He added 'when KCR took over as CM in 2014, Telangana was 12th in per capita income. Under BRS, we became the top-performing state. And now Congress says we are bankrupt."

L. RAVICHANDER

HYDERABAD, MAY 6

The Telangana High Court held

that unsigned showcause or demand notices by the GST

authorities were unsustainable

in law. A panel comprising acting Chief Justice Sujoy Paul

and Justice Renuka Yara

allowed a batch of petitions

challenging the legality, validity

and propriety of the showcause

notices and final orders, which

did not contain physical or digisignatures of the officer,

although they were uploaded on the portal. The case of the rev-

enue was that the absence of a

signature would not cause any

dent to the notices or orders, if

the scheme of the Central

Goods and Services Act, 2017

grievance panel

Committee asked to submit report in 7 days

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

The state government on Tuesday constituted a committee of IAS officers headed by revenue principal secretary Navin Mittal to hold consultations with employees unions on pending

The committee has been asked to submit its report within seven days. The move comes after various state government's employ-ees' associations formed a JAC (joint action committee) to launch state-wide agitation programmes from June, demanding resolution of their long-pending demands. The three-member committee also comprises panchayati raj and rural sevelopment secretary Lokesh Kumar and Transco chairman and managing director D. Krishna Bhaskar as members.

In its terms of reference to the committee, the government has directed the committee to discuss matters related to welfare measures grievances employee unions and stakeholders, identify, categorise and examine pending issues and submit a consolidated report with specific and viable recommendations. The committee is to meet with associations regularly, maintain minutes of discussions and ensure transparency in proceedings.

On Sunday last, the JAC had announced plans to hold a maha dharna in the

M. SRINIVAS I DC

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu

Bhatti Vikramarka met Union minister for new and

renewable energy Pralhad

Joshi on Tuesday and urged

the Centre to allocate a larger

share of solar pump sets to Telangana, citing the State's leadership in the renewable energy sector.

He sought the Union gov-

ernment's support to bolster

Telangana's action plan to

strengthen renewable energy

infrastructure to meet cur-

rent and future agricultural

power demands, including

supply. During the meeting,

he made representations on

Bhatti requested that the

ministry allocate 4,000 MW of

solar power plants-ranging from 500 KW to 2 MW-under

PM-KUSUM Component-A, as initially proposed. He

flagged concerns that the

allocation was recently

revised and slashed to 1,000

MW during the Expression of

Interest review period and

urged the Centre to reconsid-

er, forewarning that such a

cut would impact Telangana's

To address agricultural irri-

gation needs permanently, he sought the allocation of one

lakh solar pump sets under

the PM-KUSUM Component-

B. He noted that a Detailed

Project Report had already been submitted through

renewable energy goals.

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Bhatti seeks more

solar pumps for TG

WHAT JAC WANTS

THE EMPLOYEES JOINT **ACTION COMMITTEE** HAS DRAWN A LIST OF "NON-NEGOTIABLE" **DEMANDS.**

Immediate clearance of pending bills worth ₹9,000 cr

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PAYMENT of five pending



Resolution of servicerelated

JAC THREATENS STRIKE IF THERE IS NO RESOLUTION BY JUNE 16.



mendations.

THEY HAD BEEN waiting for 17 months since the Congress came to power in December 2023, but the government had failed to respond or hold talks on their demands so far.

- JAC LEADERS

headquarters starting June 15. The JAC leaders stated that if the state government failed to resolve their demands by June 15, they will be left with no option but to go on indefinite strike from June 16. The JAC leaders said that they had been waiting for 17 months since the Congress came to power in December 2023, but the government had failed to respond or hold talks on their demands so far.

The JAC leaders has listed several demands that they city on June 9 and in district said were non-negotiable,

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka

its snare of funding Highlighting challenges faced in tribal farming

TSREDCO, and confirmed

the State's readiness to pro-

regions due to forest law

restrictions on power lines,

he appealed for the Centre's

He also requested the allo-

cation of two lakh pump sets

under the PM-KŪSUM

Component-C, stating that la-

khs of pump sets are current-

ly in use across the State. He

said such support would ease

the burden on conventional

electricity infrastructure. Bhatti reminded the Union

minister that Telangana has

recorded the highest annual

agricultural growth rate in

India and has emerged as the

"Rice Bowl of India" through

sustained food grain produc-tion. He highlighted schemes

like Rythu Bharosa and said

the Centre's support would

enable Telangana to achieve

even greater milestones in

sympathetic intervention.

and said the government must address these urgently. The demands include immediate clearance of pending bills worth â,19,000 crore, payment of five pending implementation of Pay Revision new Commission (PRC) recommendations, restoration of the old pension scheme (OPS), resolution of other service-related issues. They threatened to intensify protests with work-to-rule and pen-down agitations besides applying for mass

State forms staff RTC strike called off after govt talks

SANJAY SAMUEL PAUL I DC

TGSRTC employee unions called off their strike that was scheduled to begin on Wednesday, following the intervention of transport minister

Ponnam Prabhakar. Around 20 trade union members met the minister and put forth their demands. CPI MLA Sambasiva Rao, MLA Ram Mohan Reddy, and MLC Prof. M. Kodandaram participated in the mediation efforts.

formed a joint action committee (JAC) and submitted 23 demands. While the employees consider these demands legitimate, the government noted that the corporation was under financial stress but was paying ₹300 crore towards the Mahalakshmi scheme, which provides free bus travel for women. The government argued that employees should consider the government's financial constra-

ints. However, union leaders urged the minister

to allocate an additional ₹100 crore, stating that it would resolve many out-

standing issues. During the meeting, the union leaders presented several key dem-ands, including the absorption of TGSRTC into the state government. They also called for the restoration of trade unions, which had been disbanded by the previ-ous BRS government and replaced with welfare boards. Employees working under the "breadwinner scheme" on a consolidated basis sho-

uld be made permanent. Benefits for retired employees should also be reinstated. The unions said the corporation was hiring electric buses, despite a large subsidy being provided by the Centre for their pur-chase. They urged the government to buy these buses so that the financial incentives benefit the government rather than private parties. The minister was positive. Other issues will be addressed by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy,' a JAC leader said.



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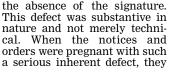
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Sd/-Land Acquisition Officer & Revenue Divisional Officer, Kodad

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Sign must on GST orders: HC

were liable to be set aside. Relying on the leading case in the matter, the court was of the opinion that the impugned order in the instant case, being an unsigned document, lost its efficacy under the GST Act and the GST Rules. Speaking for the panel, the acting Chief Justice "We are constrained to hold that once there exists a specific column earmarked for the signature, the said requirement becomes a statutory requirement. For this reason, the argument that taxation statutes must be strictly interpreted based on the judgment of the Supreme Court is of no assistance to the respondents. Instead, it supports the contention of the petitioners. If a strict rule of interpretation is applied because of the statutory

a signature in the statutory forms, it cannot be said nonexistence of a signature will not cause any dent to the notice/order." Finding it a prescription of the law that the taxing authority must affix his signature, Justice Paul said this was trite that if a law prescribes a thing to be done in a particular manner, the same must be done in the same manner and other methods are forbidden.

PLEA AGAINST COPS' REFUSAL TO PERMIT FAIR

Justice Vijaysen Reddy accepted a writ plea challenging the rejection of permission by the Karimnagar police to organise the Telangana Trade Fair Exhibition at Jyothirao Phule Park Grounds in Karimnagar. The judge was dealing with a writ petition filed by Khaja Imtiyazuddin. The petitioner argued that the action was arbitrary. He also contended that his earlier representation was not considered. The judge directed counsel for the police department to seek instructions.

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IN BRIEF

1 killed, 3 injured in bee attack

Adilabad: A labourer died and three others were injured after a swarm of honeybees attacked them while they were working in Goleti-1 incline mine in Bellampalli of Mancherial district on Tuesday. The injured labourers, including Puppala Narasaiah of Madamram township, were rushed to a local hospital. Narasaiah, who suffered severe injuries, died while undergoing treatment. The other three are undergoing medical treatment. dent occurred.

Woman attacked over family feud

Adilabad: One Marupaka Anji attacked his relative Laxmi with an axe near the Jayashankar Bhupalpally district on Tuesday. Passersby intervened and rushed the injured woman to a hospital. According to sources, a land dispute has been ongoing between the families of Marupaka Laxmi and Marupaka Saraiah from Devarapalli. Laxmi had earlier been accused in the murder of Saraiah and was currently out on bail. The incident occurred while Laxmi was returning home after visiting the Kataram police station. Anji, the son of the deceased Saraiah, allegedly attacked her with a grudge over his father's murder.

14 MAOISTS LAY DOWN ARMS BEFORE SP

M. SRINIVAS I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Fourteen Maoists surrendered Bhadradrithe Kothagudem superintendent of police B. Rohit Raju on Tuesday. Of them, two were area committee members, four each party members and vilcommittee members (VMCs), three revolutionary people's committee members and a member of the Krantikari Adivasi Mahila Sangathan (KAMS). Raju said the Maoists surren-

dered before the police after deciding to leave the path of Naxalism and lead a peaceful life with their family members after learning about the various measures being taken up for the welfare of surrendered

The development and welfare activities for tribals taken up under Operation Chevutha programme by Bhadradri Kotnagudem district police another reason for

WOMAN SELLS SON TO BUY AUTO FOR FIANCE

NARENDER PULLOOR I DC KAMAREDDY, MAY 6

A woman sold her five-year-old son for ₹50,000 to buy an autorickshaw for her lover. The matter came to light on Tuesday when child protection officials rescued the boy and shifted him to a child care centre in Kamareddy.
According to officials, Busa

Lavanya married Narsimloo six years ago and had two children. After Narsimloo's death last year, Lavanya began working at a cloth showroom in Kamareddy, where she came into contact with Chakali Sailoo of Parmalla, Lingampet mandal. The two entered a live-in relationship. Sailoo's wife

reportedly objected to the relationship and left

Both of them lost their jobs and started working as daily wage labourers. In an attempt to buy an autorickshaw for Sailoo, Lavanya allegedly sold her son to Naseema of Parmalla for ₹50,000. Upon receiving information, child protection officials rushed to Lavanya's house and rescued the child. Based on their complaint, Kamareddy police registered a case against Lavanya, Sailoo, Naseema, Shaheeda and Sekhar for the sale and purchase of the minor.



Hospital under lens in miscarriage case

Police seize hospital's DVR, collect more proof

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PRIYA RATHNAM I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Following the death of twin foetuses due to an alleged miscarriage at a private hospital in Ibrahimpatnam, the victim, 26-year-old Butti Keerthi, was shift-ed to Gandhi Hospital for treatment due to severe blood loss. Ibrahimpatnam police, who are probing the case, have seized the hospital's digital video recorder (DVR) and are collecting further evi-

Keerthi has been undergoing blood transfusions to stabilise her condition. "She has been losing blood for the past 20 days. Despite repeated consultations, Dr V. Anusha Reddy at Vijayalaxmi Hospital dismissed our concerns and assured us everything was fine," said her husband, Ganesh, speaking to *Deccan Chronicle*.

3 GOVT STAFFERS

ARRESTED IN

BRIBERY CASES

DC CORRESPONDENT

Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested

in cases

Tuesday. In the first

case, the ACB arrested

Annaboina Rajeswara

Rao, a motor vehicle

driver at Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) in Bhadradri-Kothagudem district, for criminal

Rao was booked under Prevention of uption Act for

accepting bribes totalling ₹31.44 lakh

from employees and job

aspirants between 2021 and 2024. He allegedly

made false promises to secure transfers, influ-

ence promotions, manipmedical fitness

results and arrange job

In another case, the

dent at the office of the

chief executive officer,

Zilla Praja Parishad,

Mulugu district, red-handed while accepting

a ₹25,000 bribe from a

complainant. The bribe

was sought to prepare

and submit the com-plainant's medical leave salary bills to the dis-

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government

HYDERABAD, MAY 6

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need to be cleaned to remove remains from the miscarriage," he added, his voice trembling. Ganesh said the traulosing their unborn children would haunt them forever. "We conceived after six

years of marriage. This at Gandhi Hospital are tragedy is not because of our carelessness but transfusing blood to due to the negligence of the hospital, the doctor neys. Later, they said and the staff. Even after the loss, when I requested the doctor to consider a discount on the bill, she remained arrogant and showed no remorse. She behaved as if she done nothing wrong. For us, it is a double tragedy," he double said, visibly shattered.

Ibrahimpatnam police

have registered a case against Dr Anusha Reddy and the hospital under Section 106(1) of the BNS (causing death by negligence). The sub-section specifically refers to medical practitioners holding qualifications recognised under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019. A police source con-

firmed that investigators are examining the seized CCTV footage and gathering technical and documentary evidence to determine the sequence of events that led to the miscarriage. According to the complaint filed by Ganesh, Keerthi had conceived twins through in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) after seven years of mar-riage. Despite repeated complaints of pain and bleeding, the gynaecologist allegedly failed to provide timely medical intervention, which led to the loss of the twins.

Felling of tree



Trees are being chopped to widen the road so that motorists can take left

Stalker booked after teen dies by suicide

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

A 14-year-old girl died suicide after months of allegedly relentless harassment by a neighbour under the guise of love. Despite repeated complaints to his family, and his own family counselling him, the abuse continued, police said.

trict treasury office. According to the The second accused in police, the victim was the case, Sanikonnu a Class 9 student at a Soumya, a junior assistant at the CEO's office, government school. Her father stated that demanded ₹5,000, part of the harassment began the ₹25,000 bribe. The six months ago when bribe amount was recovthe accused, P. Rohit, ered from Sudhakar. The first saw her walking details of the complainants in the two cases were withheld. her dog in a nearby park. He began pursuing her persistently,

and harassment escaiated, informed her father, who then approached Rohit's parents. They assured him that Rohit would stop.

However, the continued. Rohit started using his brother's Instagram account to contact the ents girl and frequently called and messaged

The father again confronted Rohit over the phone, but he claimed to be out of town and promised to talk later. On Sunday, Rohit messaged her again, prompting the father

claiming to be in love. to alert Rohit's parents When the stalking once more. This time, and harassment escathey dismissed the message, claiming might have come from someone else. Monday, while the girl's parents were away attending a cre-

mation, Rohit reportedly went to her house and threatened her. The victim informed her par-

ents upon their return. They tried to console her and said they would resolve the matter the next morning. But it was too late. At 4.30 am, the girl's mother found her dead. Hayathnagar dead. police police have booked Rohit on charges of abetment to suicide.

Anand, HNEW bag award; to receive at WPS, Dubai

M. SRINIVAS I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

City police commissioner C.V. Anand and Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (HNEW) have been awarded first place in the category of "Excellence in Anti-Narcotics" at the World Police Summit (WPS) to be organised

by then Dubai police. The summit is scheduled to be held from May 13 to 15. This accolade places Telangana and India on the global map of pioneering anti-narcotics enforcement. Anand is scheduled to receive the award on May 15 at the Dubai police officers

Anand won in a twostage evaluation process, marking an extraordinary achievement not only for Telangana police but also for the country's cotics efforts, accord-

ing to a statement. Central to this recognition is the pioneering work of H-NEW which has implemented a holistic approach to drug control, combining multi-agency coordination with ED, DRI, GST, NCB, Excise, FRRO, Drugs Control Administration, and Counter Intelligence. This is in addition to community outreach through antidrug committees in colleges and sus-

tained public awareness initiatives, the statement said. Strong enforcement action leading to the busting of international and inter-state peddling networks, dark web interventions, deportation of foreign offenders, and a significant decline in drug supply was also one of the initiatives, besides rehabilitation focus, integrating support

stance abuse alongside

enforcement.
The WPS has informed Anand of his selection, "This is a recognition of your remarkable achievements advancing security and safety, and your efforts in promoting awareness and impactful change across com-

munities and nations.

The summit brings together leading law enforcement professionals from over countries, including globalrenowned agencies such as the FBI, NYPD,

Metropolitan Police (UK), Australian Federal Police, and the German Police etc. This year's award nominations nessed intense global competition. Entries received from a wide spectrum of police units across continents underwent a rigorous two stage evaluation process.

66-YEAR-OLD **WOMAN DIES OF MEDICAL LAPSE** DC CORRESPONDENT

HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Sistla Surya Lakshmi, a 66-year-old woman, died allegedly due to medical negligence during a diagnostic procedure at MedQuest Diagnostic Centre in KPHB, according to the police on Tuesday. Her son Sistla Venkata Abhishek, 34. reached out to the police. According to investigation officer Lingam, Lakshmi was referred for a CT cystenography on Tuesday after experiencing persistent nasal discharge.

At the diagnostic centre, contrast dye was administered before the scan. In his complaint, Abhishek alleged that the drug was given without necessary clinical precautions or allergy checks, which reportedly resulted in a cardiac arrest. He also claimed the staff did not provide intubation on time and instead blamed the family for not providing con-

CID arrests CEO of Falcon, who swindled over ₹4K cr

MANVI VYAS I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

The Crime Investigation Department (CID) has arrested Yogendra Singh, CEO of Falcon Group, for allegedly swindling ₹4,215 crore by cheating over 7,000 depositors by a Ponzi scheme under the pretext of a fake invoice discounting. Singh, 38, was at large since February 2025, after cases were registered against the firm by the Cyberabad economic offences wing (EOW), based on complaints from victims across the state. Acting on a tip-off, the CID apprehended him upon his return to Hyderabad from Dubai.

Discounting Invoice Application' to operate the scheme. The application, heavily

advertised on various social media platforms, lured victims by high returns from investments allegedly backed by invoice deals with reputed multinational corporations. Investigations revealed that

the accused created fake agreements and receipts to dupe investors.

Around 4,065 investors are believed to have lost approximately ₹792 crore, with total deposits exceeding ₹4215 crore from 7,056 depositors. Three FIRs (Cr. No. 10/2025,

Capital Protection Force 11/2025, and 12/2025) were Pvt. Ltd developed the Falcon registered under relevant sections of the BNS and the TSPDEF Act, 1999.

CID officials confirmed that Singh was working closely with Amar Deep Kumar, managing director and main accused, and other associates including Sandeep Kumar, Amar Deep's brother. Singh had fled to Dubai before the case was officially registered

in February 2025. While in Dubai, he was appointed the CEO of another company, Virgio Real Estate Pvt. Ltd., allegedly floated by the same group.

The investigation is ongoing to trace the remaining accused involved in the case.

CRACKDOWN ON **HARASSERS BY** THE SHE TEAMS

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

She Teams Hyderabad said they had caught 49 individuals red-handed for misbehaving with women in public places. Of them, 30 were warned and counselled in the presence of family members, while two were produced before a magistrate and sentenced to two days of imprisonment and a ₹50 fine. The SHE Teams also facil-

itated the registration of three Pocso cases at Chatrinaka, Jubilee Hills and Madannapet police stations. The accused lured minor girls with false promises of love and marriage, exploited them and later resorted to blackmail, said women's safety wing DCP Dr N.J.P. Lavanya, DCP, women safety wing. Citing instances, the DCP said in one case, a 30-year-old private employee befriended a woman on Facebook and took her to a hotel, where he secretly recorded intimate moments without her consent.



B. Samuel Rajsekhar Express Guard (SCR) DOB: 18.03.1962 DOD: 07.05.2019 Your sweet memories will remain in our hearts forever and ever.

Wife, Daughter & Family Members



with travel stories and achievements. Your journey lives on in our hearts forever Loving Tribute by ANSUYA BALDEVDAS & FAMILY

6th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

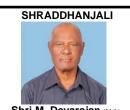


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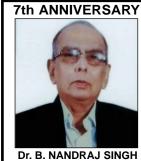
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To my mother in heaven, thank you Former TPCC Secreta eetha Patel Goud, Grandson: Tanuj Patel Gou Grand Daughter: Lakshita Patel



Shri M. Devarajan (M.A) Shri M. Devarajan (M.A)
EX. Asst. Commercial Manager (SCR)
06-09-1934 - 23-04-2025
With profound grief and sorrow, we inform you of the 15th Day Ceremony on Wednesday, 07-05-2025 at 7:00 PM followed by Dinner
Sri Venkateswara Bhavan
H.Nc: 31-81, R.K. Puram Near Vishnu and Durga Temples Ramakrishna
Puram Railway Station, Sec'bad-500056
Your kind presence will be a source of strength and support to our family during this difficult time.

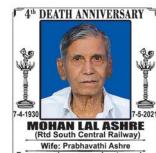
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Retd. HM-ZPHS
D.O.B: 25.09.1948 D.O.D: 07.05.2022
Time may pass, but the pain of losing your remains. Holding you close in our thoughts Inserted by: Wife: Nune Sunitha Prakash & Family



es to light our lives. Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. Forever remembered by your loving ASHRE Family. Cell: 9182981637, 8686502410



There are memories that time does no

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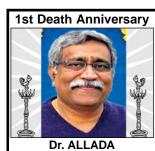
KV. ASHOK KUMAR

We miss you every moment of our lives.
We miss you every moment of our lives.
Wife: K. Lakshmi, M.A (Eng)
Sons: Mr.&Mrs. KA. Siva Kumar, (B.Sc) A.S.I., LM
Mr.&Mrs. KA. Vishal Kumar, B.Tech.
KA. Ashwin Kumar, MBBS
Grand Daughter: K. Laghima
Grand Son's: K.Anshul, K.Akhira Vasumath
K. Leeladhara



Smt. KOTI SAVITRI N/o. Late Lingam DOD : 07-05-2012 Days are passing into years we remember you in silent tears

Family Members



NARAYANASWAMY (SAM) DOB: 20-05-1965 DOD: 07-05-2024

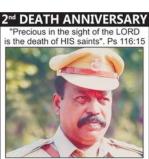
"Grief is the price we pay for love" Loosing you hurts, but knowing you & loving you was a gift. We will carry you nemories always. You are deeply missed Reza Khorami - (New Zealand) Sanjay Joshi, Vijay Joshi



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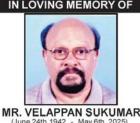
The memorial service will be held on

9/5/2025 in the club house at Patel's Green park Yapral Secunderabad at 7 pm In grief. Cont no. 7893964730/ 9858190896



Bandugula Shanthi Kumar (S/o. Late Bandugula Anantha Rao) DOB: 27-2-1959 DOD: 7-05-2023 You remain in our hearts forever. Inserted by Wife, Sons, Daughters in law & Grand Children

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Vith profound grief we announce May 6th, 2025 at 12:00 pm noon, who ha eft behind a legacy of love, compassion The funeral will be held on May 8th

Deeply mourned by: Mrs. Swarna Prabha Sukumar (Wife) Lalit (Son), Krithika (Daughter-in-law Nila (Granddaughter), and Family. Ph: +91 98491 45047



M.B. JESWANTH RAO DOB: 19.07.1932 & DOD: 07.05.2017 We miss you every moment in our life & your presence continues to surround us in our hearts. Inserted by: MADYALA FAMILY 9441451919

IN BRIEF

Bakrid: MIM

leaders meet DGP

Hyderabad: A delegation of AIMIM legislators and leaders met DGP Dr Jitender and submitted a representation seeking necessary instructions to police officials for the peaceful celebration of Id-ul-Zuha, Bakrid, on June 7. They stated that Qureshi community engage themselves in cattle trade. Police should ensure that the traders are not harassed, they said.

5TH BATCH OF HAJ PILGRIMS DEPARTS **FOR SAUDI ARABIA**

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

The fifth batch of 287 Haj pilgrims departed to Saudi Arabia on Tuesday afternoon from the Shamshabad airport. The journey was flagged off by Telangana Haj Committee chairman Syed Gulam Afzal Biyabani (Kȟusro Pasha) from Haj House. He urged pilgrims to respect the sanctity of the holy places and remain patient and devoted through out the journey. He also encouraged younger pilgrims to help elder-

A total of 1,092 pilgrims from Telangana have reached Madina. The next Haj flight is scheduled for 11.25 am of Sunday. Haj Committee executive officer Sajjad Ali greeted the pilgrims and wished them safe journey. Committee members Md Mujeebuddin and Md Layeeq, and minority welfare department officials were present at the program.

GHMC CHIEF CHECKS WORKS OF KUKATPALLY ZONE

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

GHMC commissioner R. V. Karnan inspected develop-ment works at Kukatpally zone on Tuesday at Moosapet, Gajularamaram Kukatpally circles. He inspect-

ed the IDL Lake's box drain works, and urged officials to complete the works to ensure there was no flooding in the rainy season

At Kaithalapur, he asked why the road widening works are not progressing. Engineers told him that there is a court case, to which Karnan directed them to file a counter. He urged the zonal commissioner to put special emphasis on the works. Later, he inspected the Kailasapuram Hindu graveyard, and the animal care centre besiae it

Speaking about relief efforts during the recent rains in Hyderabad, he said that monsoon emergency teams had been deputed to the 141 waterlogging points. He said that authorities are actively monitoring frequently waterlogged areas, and if any unforeseen incident is reported, teams are immediately deputed to the location to solve the issue.

HYDRAA razes convention hall

Illegal unit was raised on FCI housing society

PRATHYUSH NALLELLA I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Tuesday demolished illegal constructions raised by Sandhya Conventions owner S. Sridhar Rao on land belonging to the Fertiliser Corporation of Employees' Cooperative Housing Society in Gachibowli, bringing relief to plot-owners who spent several years running around government offices to retrieve their property from encroachment.

HYDRAA officials Sandhya Convention's mini convention hall, a G+2 iron shed structure, 10 restrooms and kitchen structures. They also demolished the iron fencing around the encroached land and archways.

HYDRAA stated that encroached upon land and plots of the FCI housing society's lay-out, and had built ille-gal constructions on it property.

The Housing society layout was established in 1980 on 20 acres of land with 162 plots. Plot-owners complained to HYDRAA at a Prajavani pro-gramme that Sandhya Convention owner Sridhar Rao had erased

the layouts. They alleged that he roads and parklands, resistance



HYDRAA razes unauthorised mini hall, kitchen, restrooms adjacent to Sandhya Convention Centre at Gachibowli in Hyderabad, on Tuesday. - R. PAVAN

and has raised structures for commercial activities. When they questioned the company personnel, residents complained, they were attacked. Some of their plot owners had died by suicide as their property was taken over; at least one victim is stated to be ready to lodge a formal complaint.

HYDRAA officials stated that after receiving the complaint, they conducted investiga-tions into the layout and found out that several structures raised on the property did not have any permission. Based on the orders of HYDRAA commission-er A.V. Ranganath, authorities rased the structures, fencing and arches around the area.

HYDRAA officials were accompanied by law and order removed the layouts of police, and faced no

Sridhar Rao's person-

HYDRAA also stated that several other landowners, from not only the city but from across the globe, had filed complaints against Sridhar Rao.

Authorities stated that a woman from Delhi filed a complaint online that her husband died by suicide, after Sridhar Rao and that their plot as not existent. She said that she would come to Hyderabad and file a

complaint directly. HYDRAA said that some complainants alleged that Sridhar Rao was now allowing them to go into their layouts, others complained that he was getdevelopment ting agreements signed without their involve-

15 acres of govt land in Gajularamaram cleared

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Agency (HYDRAA) removed road encroachments at Katedan and reclaimed 15 acres of government land at Gajularamaram, which was being encroached by KL University, on Tuesday Of this land, the university had encroached upon 0.5 acres of government

Authorities stated that the government in 2009 had allotted the Raieev Swagruha housing

AUTHORITIES removed the wall and connected Madhuranagar to Indira Society Colony. Officials removed walls and commercial sheds which were barring colony residents from moving on the roads.

Since the constructions did not happen, local leaders swarmed on the land, installed their own fencing and sheds and encroached on the land.

After local residents complained HYDRAA, authorities investigated and established that the land had been encroached upon.

er A.V. Ranganath also inspected the land, after which he directed authorities to remove the encroachments and put up government At Katedan, Hyder-abad Disaster Response and Asset Protection

Agency removed a road encroachment which was being blocked by a wall. Authorities removed the wall and connected Madhuranagar to Indira Society Colony. Officials removed walls and commercial sheds which were barring colony residents from moving on the roads amid local

Real estate firm dupes buyers of ₹50 cr in pre-launch offer

SABA ANJUM SHAIKH I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

A group of individuals has accused a city-based real estate consultancy firm Sivom Projects Private Limited of cheating them by selling plots through false promises and brochures in 2017. They said the company had collected ₹50 crore but have not registered the plots in their names.

They claimed that the company had promised to build a luxury gated community on land in Jeedimetla village, village, Quthbullapur with flats, a clubhouse, swimming pool, gym, gaming zone and even interiors based on Singapore and Japan technology.

The buyers said that the company claimed to have had all approvals from RERA and HMDA for the land and collected large amounts of money from customers in the name of pre-launch offers without starting any construction.

In 2017, Sivom Projects sold 45 plots on around 3.8 acres of land. They told buyers that the registration would be completed in a few months. But even after seven years, no regis-



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trations were done. In many cases, one plot was sold to two or three different people. Most of the buyers were retired employees and middle class families believed the company's promises and invested their life savings.

According to the records f the Registrar of Samba Companies, Murthy Isukapatla is the managing director of Sivom Projects Pvt Ltd. The company was incorporated on March 6, 2017, when the alleged scam was

Other founding directors of the company were Umamaheswar Kasuladevi and Mallesh Sanjeeva Reddy both of whom retired on August 19, 2019.

Samba Murthy is the

managing director of ISM Steel (India) Private Limited and is on the board of ISM Projects Private Limited, Lupac Accounting and Related

Services Private Limited. Some people sold jewellery, took personal loans to buy these plots. Now, they are left with nothing and are feeling helpless. The victims have now registered a complaint with the Jeedimetla Police.

Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Radha Krishna, one of the victims, said, "It's been seven years and nothing has moved on the ground. The builder isn't even taking our calls anymore. We have trusted them with our life savings, and now they are not even responding to us." another Babu,

buyer, said, "They're pur-

people from nearby plots to block us. Now they have even put goons there to stop us from entering our own plots. We are scared that they are trying to take over our land and sell it

posely delaying the development and working with

Now, several affected buyers are demanding action from the authori-ties. They want the gov-ernment to intervene, ensure the return of their money or help them get legal possession of the land they paid for.

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Sewage flows into open plots at Saket Colony in Kapra causes foul smell and groundwater contamination.

Sewage pollutes borewell water in Saket Colony

SABA ANJUM SHAIK I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Drainage water from a nearby colony has been let out into empty open plots at Saket Colony in Kapra for over a year, causing the dirty water to seep into the ground and mix with the underground water.

People living in the colony are raising concerns over the issue as the sewage is polluting the groundwater, which many families depend on for their daily needs. Borewell water, which was once clean now smells bad and looks contaminated.

"Even after bringing this issue to the attention of officials, there has been no use. If we dig just 10 feet in the nearby lands the drainage water starts sur-facing," said Venkata Rama Shiva, a resident.

"Groundwater is our only source of water and even that has now become polluted now," he added.

The situation has left nearly 200 families across five apartment buildings worried. They are con-cerned not just about the PEOPLE living in the colony are raising concerns over the issue as the sewage is polluting the groundwater, which many families depend on.

foul smell and inconvenience, but the risk of waterborne diseases especially with the rainy season coming.

"There are five apartment buildings here and nearly 200 families are suffering because of this," said M. Krishna, another resident. "We have children and elderly people here and the health risks are real," he added.

Despite repeated complaints made to the authorities, residents say the issue has not been

resolved. When contacted. Santhosh Kumar, General Manager of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB), said, "We are aware of the problem. Plans have already been proposed and once the work will begin."

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Senior Divl. Electrical Engineer/Gen/N. C. Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following e- Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to 15:00 hrs. on 26.05.2025 The details of the tenders are as under:-Tender No. : ELG-67-2526 Cost of work (In Rs.) : 15903313.00

Name of Work: Augmentation of power supply system with replacement of over heal lines by ABC (Ariel Bunch Conductor) conductors in Fazalganj, Tejab mill colonies of

Bid Security (in Rs.): 229500.00 Duration of completion: 06 Month Tender Opening Date: 26.05.2025, 15:00 Hrs.

Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tender available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tenders are the second as the second of the second are the second of the second are the second of the

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering), N. C. Rly Agra for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line only (E-Tendering) for the ollowing works. The details of the tender are as under: S.No.: 1 | Tender No.: 2025-May-01-01 | Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 138684777.07

Description of work: Provision of new station building and road widening at 3rd entry at Mathura Jn. S.No.: 2 Tender No.: 2025-May-01-02 Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 3712364.01 Description of work: Provision of Rest Room and lavatory at NBI, BINR, BARS

GZKA, AJH & other station for operating staff in Agra division S.No.: 3 Tender No.: 2025-May-01-03 Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 863917.84 Description of work: Provision of water supply through Tankers at different state

KXM, FAR, MORA & RNKA in ADEN/II-MTJ section (For 24 Months). S.No.: 4 Tender No.: 2025-May-01-04 Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 1964800.00

Description of work: Periodical cleaning of underground water storage sump, Overhead RCC tank & PVC water tanks under jurisdiction Sr. DEN-I/Agra for period 02 years S.No.: 5 Tender No.: 2025-May-01-05 Approx. Cost (Rs.): ₹ 537237.75

Description of work: Kiraoli & Mirhakur- Supply of potable water for stations and colony for 15 Months. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website

'www.ireps.gov.in". Tenders can only be submitted through web porta www.ireps.gov.in" up to 15.00 hrs on 23.05.2025.

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CORRIGENDUM-1 AGAINST TENDER NOTICE NO. RN-ST-07-2025-26; DATE: 30-04-2025

Name of Work: Improvement of Earthing and Protection System of all EI & BPACs in Rangiya Division. Items Modified TS:

NIT schedule Modified TS

no.	Existing TS	Modified TS
5	Supply of GI tape for connecting different earthing pits.	Supply of GI tape dimension 20×3 mm for connecting different earthing pits.
11	Supply of SPD 24 V as per TS	Supply of SPD 24V suitable/compatible for SSDAC/HASSDAC of existing system according to the software version of make/brand: OBO/Phoenix contact/Schneider/ABB or superior.
12	Supply of SPD48V as per TS	Supply of SPD 48V suitable/compatible for SSDAC/HASSDAC of existing system according to the software version of make/brand: OBO/Phoenix contact/Schneider/ABB or superior.
13	Supply of SPD Data as per TS	Supply of Data SPD suitable/compatible for SSDAC/HASSDAC of existing system according to the software version of make/brand: OBO/Phoenix contact/Schneider/ABB or superior.
14	Isolating Spark Gap	Type: FLT-ISG-100-EX-Spark gap Phoenix make or superior.
17	Lightening counter 6 digit IP 67 for getting lightning count.	Lightening counter 6 digit IP 67 for getting lightning count it should be compatible with the item no. 15 and make should be same as the main system.

Other condition will remain same.



Open E-Tender No. 2025/IRCTC/Catering & Allied/Tejas Train/ADI for Appointmen
of Service Provider for Providing On-Board Catering and Allied Services on Tejas
Train on Route ADI-MMCT-ADI. Pre-bid meeting (VC): 20.05.2025 at 12:00 hrs
Last date for submission of bids: 30.05.2025 upto 15:00 hrs.

2. Open E-Tender No. 2025/IRCTC/Catering & Allied/Tejas Train/LJN for Appointment of Service Provider for Providing On-Board Catering and Allied Services on Tejas Train on Route LJN-NDLS-LJN. Pre-bid meeting (VC): 20.05.2025 at 12:00 hrs. Last date for submission of bids: 30.05.2025 upto 15:00 hrs.

3. Open E-Tender No. 2024/IRCTC/RN/Logistics/Ambernath/OT for transportation and CFA services of 'Rail Neer' Packaged Drinking Water at Rail Neer Plant, Ambernath, Mumbai for a period of three years. Last Date & Time of online Charles and Conference of the Present Conference

Submission: 20.05.2025 up to 15:00 hrs. 4. Open E-Tender No. 2025/IRCTC/CO/SER/Video Ads for video Ads on IRCTC ar Indian Railway Website for a period of Two (2) years. Pre-bid meeting (VC): 27.05.2025 at 12:30 hrs. Last date for submission of bids: 06.06.2025 upto 15:00 hrs.

For more details visit IRCTC website www.irctc.com and www.tenderwizard.com/ IRCTC. Tender Document downloading & participation can be done on website www.tenderwizard.com/IRCTC.

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GOVERNMENT OF LELANGAINA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
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NIT No. 10/CW/7/DB/D4/MRDCL/2025

Name of the work: PHMED - Engineer-in-Chief (PH) Office Building - Renovation of 2nd Floor of ENC (PH) Complex for accommodating the Office of Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Limited, Hyderabad, Cost of works: Rs. 200.00 Lakhs; Bid Submission Closing date: 16.05.2025 © 04:30 PM. Further details can be seen at 'e' procurement market place @ https://tender.telangana.gov.in. Contact No: 040-23325849, 9154299724. Sd/- Superintending Engineer (PH)
DIPR RO No.: 1430-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 West Circle, Hyderabad.

OFFICE OF THE TELLAPUR MUNICIPALITY SANGAREDDY DISTRICT e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE Notice No.E1/4/2025-26, Date: 05-05-2025

Online tenders are invited by the Tellapur Municipality, Sangareddy Distric procurement notice no. E1/04/2025-26, dated: 05.05.2025 under e-procurement afform for an amount of Rs.20.85 Cr for (19) works. Tenderers can download tender thedule from e-market place i.e. www.tender.telangana.gov.in and can obtain furth stalls. Last date for receipt of tenders: Dt. 14.05.2025, upto 3.30 PM.

Quotations are invited by Tellapur Municipality, Sangareddy District as puotation Notice No.E1/4/2025-26, Dated: 05.05.2025. For maintenance of 250 fed above pole flag pole at Tellapur Municipal office. Last date for receipt Joatations Dt. 08.05.2025 upto 3.30 P.M. For complete details contact the ommissioner Tellapur - 9440019940.

DIPR RO No. 1399-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

The Commissioner, International Management, State of the Commissioner of the Commissio

The interested organization/ agencies/ firms/ contractors/ are req

Last date of submitting the EOI is 11.00 am @ Dt: 17.05.2025 For further details and detailed specifications contact Municip. Engineer (8008040891) during office hours.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TENDER NOTICE RFP No. E-713478-2024-H1

No. of works (01): Name of the work: Selection of Agency to "Establisi Municipal Solid waste based Waste to Energy (WTE) processing Facility a

e' procurement market place @https://tender.telangana.gov.in Sd/- Dr. T.K. Sreedevi, IAS DIPR RO No.: 1419-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Commissioner & Director of Mpl Ac

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No.: EL-C-PRYJ-02-25-26 E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Const/N.C. Rly/Prayagraj acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following work up to 15:00 hrs. on 30.05.2025. The details of the tender are as under:-

EL-C-PRYJ-02-25-26 24.46.10.934.74/-13.73.100.00/-Name of work: 25 kV AC Electrification work for balance work of "Prayagraj Yard remodeling work (Sanctioned under umbrella work 2019-20) (P.B. Item No. 92 of 2019-20)

Note: 1. The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tende pening. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above ders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate. 3. In case of any difficult helpdesk available on the Website of IREPS may be approached. 769/25 (ADM

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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 04/2025

Date: 05.05.2025

Dated: 05.05.2025

Sr.DSTE/North Central Railway, Agra acting for and on behalf of the President of India vites "Open Tender" through Online only (E-Tendering) for the following work

E-TENDER NO.: AGRA-ST-2025-10 Approx. Cost of work. :₹ 96,77,736.02 Name of work: Provision of remote monitoring of CCTV of 04 stations (AGC, RKM MTJ & AF) at DRM campus of Agra Division

E-TENDER NO. : AGRA-ST-2025-11 Name of work: Comprehensive Annual maintenance contract of WESTRACE Make E-TENDER NO. : AGRA-ST-2025-12 Approx. Cost of work. :₹ 44,56,124.85

Name of work: Replacement of Overaged VDLI with Embedded System of 0.

stations in MTJ-AWR section in Agra Division. All Tenders closing date: 28.05.2025 For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway Website

www.ireps.gov.in. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 hrs on above mentioned date. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Tender Notice No: 0920252026

E-Tendering Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagra for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-tendering process for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 28.05.2025 The details of the

Tender No.: 24, Name of work: Provision of Ballast Less Track on Line No. 1 of Platform No. 1 of Prayagraj Railway Station under Assistant Divisional

Approx Cost of work (₹): ₹ 7,64,08,074.63 Earnest Money (₹): ₹ 5,32,100.00

Completion Period: 12 (Twelve) Months Date of Opening of tender: 28.05.2025 Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work": Any RCC/PSC work

Note: (1) E-Tender forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenders. (2) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 28.05.2025. (3) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (4) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered, Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **(5)** The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard forma without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. (6) The supplier/contractor of goods and/or services would be subjec to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. (7) Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. (8) This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. (9) Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. (10) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (11) Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. of tender opening date i.e. 28.05.2025

(12) The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC-2022 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered a plete Offer and according shall not be considered. **f** North central railways **∞ @** CPRONCR **⊕** www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in



Chronicle

Stand up against hate, don't let Pahalgam terrorists win

The people of India stood together to defeat the designs of the terrorists who ran bullets into unsuspecting holiday-makers in Pahalgam after checking their religion but hatemongers within the country are playing into the hands of the terrorists and aiding in their mission to sow seeds of religious hatred in the country. The terrorists will have their mission accomplished unless the same Indian people who resisted terror recognise this domestic danger.

The people of Jammu and Kashmir rose as one person against the terrorist attack; the Assembly in the Union territory passed a unanimous resolution condemning it. They were unusual acts. But more unusual was the way in which the living victims of the terror attack, several of them, responded. The daughter of a Keralite whom the terrorists killed in front of her after making sure that he was not a Muslim said she lost her father in the terror attack but gained two brothers, both Muslim. She was referring to the way the local tourist guides took care of her after the attack. The woman who lost her Navy captain husband in a similar fashion wanted justice to be done to her husband but did not want people to go after Kashmiris and Muslims. A woman from Kanpur who lost her husband to terrorist guns said the terror-

The daughter of a **Keralite whom the** terrorists killed in front of her after making sure he was not a Muslim said she lost her father in the terror attack but gained two brothers, both Muslim.

ists were not even human.

But the sad part is that the victims themselves are being now showered with abuse for upholding the values cherished by humanity — kindness, forgiveness, composure, love and brotherhood. The haters who belong to the right wing are now creating their own stories about these heroic human beings and peddling them through their own channels, especially the social media. The attack has been so inhuman and demeaning that even the National Commission for Women (NCW) was forced to step in and admonish the hate-mongers. "Trolling a woman on the basis of her ideological expression or personal life is not acceptable in any form," the Commission has

said and suggested that agreement or disagreement must always be done with "decency and within constitutional rights"

To expose him as a coward is the ultimate condemnation of a terrorist. He $\,$ is not armed with logic or rationale and hence dare not present them before the authorities concerned; he cannot convert people from the other side to his for the same reason; he cannot fight his equals. Hence he arms himself with weapons and takes on unarmed people.

But the hate-mongers are mimicking the act of the very same terrorists whom they claim to despise. They do not understand the logic of humanity; they cannot comprehend the words of the heroic people who stand up for justice and humaneness; they are unsure of their own goals. They are sure they cannot look into the eyes of a sensible human being and argue their case; and hence they train all their energies and convoluted logic on innocent and unsuspecting people, like the victims of the Pahalgam terrorist attack.

It is not the NCW or other government agencies that can defeat hate; it is the very same Indian people who defeated the terrorists in their game who can do it again. India must rise as one person and support the bravehearts who reflect the Indian ethos that has gained this nation its place in the comity of nations. Haters have no place in this country

India prepares for eventualities

t has been decades since anything like a civil defence drill has been carried out nationwide, in about 300 districts. Among India's ageing generations, Lathere may be a few million who remember the last time that the air raid sirens went off, and that was in the 1971, at the time of the India-Pakistan war in which East Pakistan was liberated and became Bangladesh. Today's generations may have heard what an air raid siren sounds like only in war movies and experienced blackouts only in power cuts.

To be prepared amid the escalating tensions with a terror-sponsoring nation like Pakistan would not be such a bad idea even if it may sound some what alarmist for the many millions who may be living far from the reach of our neighbour's ballistic missiles. But, given the march of technology, particularly in the offensive capabilities of the military-industrial complex that makes modern day arms, the wiser option would be to get ready for any even-

Such is the unceasing obstinacy in Pakistan that it should keep eyeing Kashmir that has been an integral part of India since Maharaja Hari Singh decided to throw his lot in with Bharat on October 27, 1947. In the intervening years since the first India-Pakistan war of 1947-48 in which Pakistan occupied areas of Gilgit-Baltistan and the Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), no territory has changed hands. And yet a campaign based on an insatiable territorial ambition is what is driving a nation that has often come to the brink of economic collapse.

As the officials would have it, "new and complex threats" have indeed emerged, and the drills planned for three days are part of a process by which India will be better prepared to withstand whatever consequences may arise if the country gives a fitting reply to the nefarious designs of Pakistan in exporting terror to Jammu & Kashmir. To have an idea of what the civilian population must do in the event of an attack is what the civil defence drills are about, and it will be a novel though scary experience for those who have never had to worry about air raids and wars. Such are the times we are liv-

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Only profitable wars are those fought 'offshore'



Sanjeev Ahluwalia

e Second World extinguished three per cent of the global population over the six years that it raged. About 80 million people died, mostly civilians, in the Soviet Union, China, Japan and Europe where the war was fought. It also decimated the economies of Europe and Japan. Europe's share in the global economy reduced from about 40 per cent, during the Great Depression in 1935, to 25 per cent by 1945.

There was only one winner — the United States which developed its manufacturing and infrastructure behind the grand isolation assured, in those days, by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean on the west. By the end of the war, its share of global GDP was 40 per cent. To be sure, American GIs and officers died in the war. But their families productive lives.

Wars are best when offshored: The sobering lesson is that only wars fought offshore can be profitable, though it is undeniable that the United States used its war profits productively. It rebuilt devastated Japan and Europe, funded the creation of the United Nations to prevent and ameliorate the impact of conflict, the International Monetary Fund to promote fiscal and price stability and the World Bank to fund post-war reconstruction and later development.

All three did the job well. The question today is whether China, the contender for the global pole position, is similarly committed to exercise its dominant economic power in trade and manufacturing for global benefit or whether it will continue transactional agreements to maximise profits? Admittedly, the new trend set by America in Ukraine is uninspiring.

India's experience: Even short wars are expensive.

India's post-Independence wars have been short. The 1962 war with China lasted for one month till the Chinese withdrew unilaterally. Nevertheless, growth in gross value added dipped from 3.1 per cent earlier to 2.1 per cent in that year.

In 1965 India responded to "Operation Gibraltar", an assault by Pakistan on India. The war lasted for seven weeks. Growth was a negative -3.6 per cent, versus 7.6 per cent in the previous year, though drought combined with war to

deplete growth. The 1972 war to assist the Mukti Bahini against Pakistan's oppressive regime in East Bengal was a response to pre-emptive air strikes on India by Pakistan. It lasted just 12 days. Growth fell from 6.5 per cent earlier to 5.0 per cent. It reduced further to one per cent in 1972 and to negative growth in 1973 though, yet again, drought aggravated the economic

impact.
This dataset supports the IMF assessment that conflict, even in the short term, reduces GDP by one to two percentage points. South Asia also loses from war between Pakistan and India, despite regional cross-border trade being low at five per cent versus 25 per cent in next door Southeast Asia. War will further postpone regional economic integration. Cross-border discord will heighten as existing, albeit sparse, B2B and P2P relationships get shredded. The ill-advised notion, voiced in Bangladesh by some recently — albeit not supported by the govern-ment — of joining with China to annex India's Northeast if India attacks Pakistan, speaks to the kind of hysteria war clouds generate.

Playing into China's game plan: Who gains? The clear winner is China. War would retard India's growth, further compromising its capacity to "manage" China. Should

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this not worry the US? That

depends on whether they

view India as a "client state" or a significant

"partner". As a client state,

proposals for "shared growth" exists since comdependent on the US for assistance, technology and munities live in proximity. Technocratically devised plans in remote New Delhi, geo-political heft, India's reliance would increase. which might suit America in contrast, lack context in the short term. Howand specificity. The Belfast ever, as a "partner state", independently capable of 'Good Friday Agreement' in 1998 ended three decades investing in aligning stratof intense sectarian violence in Northern Ireland. egic focus, a weakened India could become less use-It was based on devolution ful in shoring up democraof more powers from the cy and fair trade in the government Indo-Pacific. Sadly, Am-Northern Ireland. Experimenting with devolution to enhance erica's own continued commitment to these strategic equity can also spur growth. India is a relativeprinciples is now in doubt. Spend to maintain peace, young democracy and, not to fund war: If India is to remain self-reliant, it like Pakistan, very culturally diverse must spend to maintain the Unlike Pakistan, political peace not to fund a war. ower in India si omestic reform to unleash private investment, from the people and we enhance fiscal stability and have not succumbed to negotiate plurilateral inmonotheism of any kind. vestment and trade treaties Contestation between politintegrating India into strategic global goals selecical parties is at the heart of Indian democracy, unlike in homogenous China. The tively are key. The problem ensuing complex political is domestic. The government must enlarge the web of accommodations domestic negotiating space and compromise is not a to integrate, discordant segments — farmers and design fault. Admittedly it slows down development. small business - repre-But it provides a forum for senting about one-half of the settlement of differthe popular vote? Over the ences and active engagepast decade, welfare measures — both private and community-based — have ment to overcome shared challenges. The Covid-19 pandemic was one such. ballooned, undergirding aggression is another unithe incomes of the bottom one-third of the population fying force, especially if it and protecting families from falling back into dire poverty (below PPP \$2.15 is a war that we neither provoked nor sought. Winning will require keeping our powder dry, garper person day). Doing more of the same at higher nering global support and levels, as applicable for continuing to invest in lower middle-income economies (PPP \$3.65 per perinnovation, productivity and equity. son per day), implies additional targeted assistance for about one-third of the population, equal to about

Distinguished Fellow, Chintan Research Foundation, and was earlier with the IAS and the World Bank

CIVIL DEFENCE

per cent of GDP, enhancing

welfare support is affordable only if the economy

grows faster — which war would inhibit. A balance

between indirect incen-

tives to promote employ-

ment linked income en-

hancement and direct welfare support is therefore a

sensible compromise. Allowing state governments to design the incentives

can help reflect contextual specificities and opportuni-

ties. Sadly, we have been

negligent in the devolution

of powers, particularly to cities and villages, where

the space for negotiating proposals for "shared

The drill involving 12 civil defence services in Hyderabad is a welcome step (States told to hold civil defence drills, May 5). To make such exercises truly effective, public participation must be prioritised. While government agencies train for coordinated disaster response, most citizens remain unaware of protocols, evacuation or shelter locations. Integrating groups into these drills can build grassroots preparedness. Civil defence is not about response, it's about building collective resilience.

Shilpa Bhaskaran Hyderabad

TG MUST STOP SOPS

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy clearly spelt out that the government staff and pensioners cannot expect to their demands to be met, citing mismanagement by the previous government (TG on brink of bankruptcy: CM, May 5). The state must immediately stop undue benefits in the name of welfare schemes. It should reconsider policies for vote banks and help those who are in real need, and bring the state economy back on track.

S. Chandrasekaran

ETALA'S REBUKE

BJP MP Etala Rajendar has criticised the financial situation under the Congress government (Etala *criticises TG economy situation, May* 26). He was finance minister under the BRS from 2014 to 2018 and thereafter T. Harish Rao. They were wellknown for the mismanagement of state finances. The criticism should be meaningful and not just to be in the limelight after losing power.

Vishwanath Pandit Hyderabad

PENDING CASES

There needs to be segregation of cases wherein orders passed in earlier cases not executed leading to further litigation and filing of cases, to be attended leaving disposal of pending cases reduced (Disposal rate improves, HC still has 2.45 L cases pending, May 5). At the time of admission of petitions a time-bound disposal system will help.

Mangalampalli Satya Mohan Secunderabad

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Will the next Pope follow Francis' line? Cardinals to gather for conclave today

he historic Sistine Chapel will host the Conclave of Cardinals from Wednesday, May 7, to elect the new Bishop of Rome, who will be the successor of Pope Francis and head of the Roman Catholic Church. It is estimated that 133 of the 135 cardinals eligible to vote in the election of the Pontiff will attend the conclave. The other 117 cardinals who are aged above 80 and hence ineligible will not be part of the exercise, which will culminate in the effusion of white smoke from the chimney of the chapel and the announcement by the cardinal dean to the world in Latin: "habemus papam" (we have got a pope).

The election of the Pope is a complex process. There indeed is an electoral roll but there is no candidates' list in a papal election. The electors would assemble at the Michelangelo-adorned 15th century chapel after spending days together in prayer in Rome after the passing of an incumbent Pope and would have an idea of possible and potential candidates. There is no stipulation that only a cardinal can be elected a Pope; a priest of five years who is eligible to be a bishop can be elected as per the canon law that governs the papal election. The last person who was elected Pope from outside the College of Cardinals was Urban VI in 1378.

The electors would start voting on the first day of the conclave. There will be four polls on each day: two in the morning and two in the evening. If there is no conclusion by the 34th poll, then the number of candidates would be reduced to two, and there will be run-off polls till one of the two gets twothirds of the votes. The chimney would emit a black fume after every unsuccessful poll, and a white one after the election. It would follow an announcement after seeking the elected person's concurrence.

Technicalities apart, the choice of the Roman pontiff has an impact outside the 110-acre Vatican state as the policies he pursues directly or indirectly touch the lives of millions of people, even outside the Catholic Church. Pope Francis, then Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, was said to be the most favourite to succeed John Paul II, who died in 2005. However, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, a Vatican insider and a close associate of the Polish Pope, was chosen in the fourth poll despite his largely orthodox leanings on theology, for the cardinals wanted continuity of the policies of John Paul II with respect to theology. Pope Francis' election was also an easy process; a popular figure for his unassuming character and progressive ideas, he was elected in the fifth poll.

There are papabiles, the "would-be" Popes, this time, too, including Luis Antonio Tagle from the Philippines, dubbed the "Asian Francis". However, every piece of news about the papabile would also come with the Italian adage: "Enter the conclave as pope and leave as a cardinal". The 110-crore strong Catholic Church is consid-

per cent of current GDP.

Catch-22: With govern-

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ered a management wonder with just two layers of authority — the bishops who come from all nooks and corners of the world make the first layer, and the second is made of just one man: the Pope. The cardinals, the patriarchs and the major archbishops who head divisions and local churches are all part of the hierarchy, but are subservient to the Holy See with little independent power.

The papacy of John XXIII (1958-1963) is considered a turning point in modern Church history as it opened the church to the world. It almost dropped its conservative theories on salvation, started dialogue with the other faiths and intro-duced changes in liturgy, giving local churches more say. Paul VI, who succeeded John XXIII, took the process ahead as he became the first Pope in modern times to travel widely outside Rome and interact with people of countries and all faiths. Pope Paul VI visited India in 1964 during his many travels around the world advocating peace. Pope John Paul I succeeded Pope Paul VI and had the shortest stint of 33 days before his sudden death in 1978. The affable Pope had left a lasting impression on his successor Cardinal Karol Józef Wojtyla, who assumed the name John Paul II on his election as Pope at the age of 58. The Polish Pope is largely credited with the crumbling of the Communist

influence in Eastern Europe and across the world, starting with the overthrow of the Communist dictatorship in his homeland, Poland. Considered a conservative in matters of faith, John Paul II, however, visited 129 countries, including India, during his 27-year reign from 1978 to 2005 as he initiated

an intense dialogue with different faiths. While Pope Benedict XVI, who succeeded John Paul II, confined himself to matters of religion and theology and became the first Pope to abdicate the position in modern times, his successor, Francis, changed the character of the Church by redefining the template with which it analysed its role in the world. Being human became the sole criteria to be considered a human being by the church; faith, colour, status, sexual orientation or even the past hardly mattered to Pope Francis when he met people and touched their lives. The three encyclicals he issued together sought to comprehensively address the concerns of the world and the last one, "Fratelli Tutti", all brothers, positioned him as the ultimate champion of brotherhood. "No one can face life in isolation," he said in the encyclical, and called upon people to "dream, then, as a single human family" in which we are "brothers and sis-

Only time can tell if his successor, the Vicar of Christ on earth, will take from where Pope















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OMC was into illegal ore mining activities

Special judge Dr T. Raghuram imposed a fine of ₹20,000 each on Srinivasa Janardhan Reddy and â,122,000 on Rajagopal, while the company was asked to pay a,12 lakh. They were found guilty of criminal conspiracy and cheating, criminal breach of trust and under the Prevention of

Corruption Act. The case, which began in 2009, stated that OMC, owned by Janardhan Reddy and Srinivasa Reddy, engaged in illegal iron ore mining activities in the Obulapuram region of Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh, during the tenure of the Dr Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy's government. The CBI started the investigation following directives from the central and Andhra Pradesh governments, after income-tax exposed money-laundering involving crores of rupees.

During the investigation, it was revealed the company extracted iron ore beyond its leased areas, causing a loss of approximately â,¹884 crore to the state exchequer. Over the course of the trial, 219 witnesses were examined and 3,337 documents were reviewed.

Janardhan Reddy requested the judge that he was a former minister and had spent more than three years in jail and asked the court to reduce his sen-Similarly, Srinivas appealed for leniency on the grounds of his age and his record of social service. judge remained firm on sentence turned down their

appeals. Though Sabitha Indra Reddy was not arrested during the investigaunlike other tion, accused, her discharge petition was earlier rejected by the court, which had observed that she played a major role in the case. In the final verdict, the court stated that both Sabitha Indra Reddy and Krupanandam nad no proven role in the scam and acquitted them as there was no sufficient evidence

against them. Speaking to the media after her acquittal, Sabitha Indra Reddy said she was hurt by being included in the case though she hadn't committed any wrongdoing. "I walked into court with tears 12 years ago, but always believed the judiciary







Gali Janardhan Reddy

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OMC MD Srinivasa Reddy



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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

 Gali Janardhan Reddy is the son of a retired constable from Guntakal in Anantapur district. After facing a crisis while running a finance company, he entered mining activities with a lease for iron ore mining on June 18, 2007.

> Formed Obulapuram Mining Company, secured licence from then AP government. Had the words 'captive mining',

meaning the iron ore was meant for a specific steel factory, removed by officials. Mines more areas illegally, erased AP-Karnataka border for the purpose. Sunkulamma temple demolished on

September 3, 2006, dug a hill containing high grade iron ore. • 60 lakh metric tonnes of iron ore exported, after

digging it from nonallotted forest land. CBI registers case on December 7. 2009 for removing word 'captive mining' from the order.

Raids reveal fabulous riches in mining baron's home, including shirts with golden thread.



she said. She expressed gratitude to her constituency people for continuing to trust and support her, even when she was targeted politically and accused of corruption. After the court verdict, the conimmediately early as Wednesday.

taken into judicial custody. They will be remanded and are being shifted to Chanchalguda Prison. All convicted persons have the option to appeal the verdict in the High Court, which they are likely to do as

ILLEGAL MINING ACTIVISTS HAIL GALI CONVICTION

GURURAJ A. PANIYADI I DC **BALLARI, MAY 6**

Veteran activists who spearheaded the campaign against illegal mining hailed the conviction of mining baron and former minister Gali Janardhan Reddy as a significant victory in their long battle for justice.

Hiremath. S.R. founder of the Samaja Parivartana Samudaya, termed the verdict a 'major setback to the mining mafia" and expressed hope that it would set a precedent for pending cases. 'This judgment pertains to one of the mines operated by Janardhan Reddy. The CBI court verdict is important and sends a strong message. We believe the remaining cases will also reach their logical conclu-

sion." he said.

Ballari-based mining entrepreneur and Tapal whistleblower Ganesh urged the Karnataka government to initiate efforts to recover the state's looted natural resources. He alleged that Reddy carried out mining operations in protected forest areas by manipulating inter-state boundary maps with the help of local offi-

"With today's order, even the soul of former Andhra Pradesh chief minister K. Rosaiah, who had called out the illegality, can rest in peace." he added. Janardhan Reddv secured mining per-Andhra Pradesh but plundered Karnataka's iron ore. The CBI chargesheet clearly states that 29 lakh tonnes of ore were transported illegally. It is time the state acted to reclaim the loss.

Sreeshaila Aladhalli. vice-president of the Samāja Parivartana Samudaya, welcomed the court's decision and called for speedy disposal of all remaining

SC UNCOVERED SIGNIFICANT LAW VIOLATIONS

NAGABHUSHANAM HOSKOTE | DC ANANTAPUR, MAY 6

The Obulapuram scam pertained to the illegal mining operations in the reserve forest of D. Hirehal mandal Anantapur district close to Karnataka's Ballari

In 2009, the then Congress government favoured Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) in the matter of granting iron ore mining leases in Obulapuram of Anantapur district. Following an investigation, a committee of the Supreme Court uncovered significant law violations by OMC

It was found that the firm engaged in illegal mining of ore from areas other than those allotted to it, along with such actions in reserved forest areas, where rich iron ore was available.

The issue had caused political tremors in the state during the term of a Congress government. It was the Telugu Desam that opposed the illicit mining. Janardhana Reddy, who enjoyed huge clout in the region, had later been from Ballary.

Gali altered mining border, entered forest

VAMSHIDHAR I DC HYDERABAD, MAY 6

'Mining baron' Gali

Janardhan Reddy along with his brother-in-law В. Srinivas Reddy, who were convicted in the Obulapuram mining scam on Tuesday, were accused changing the mining lease boundary markings and indulging in the illegal mining in the reserve forest area

spread over Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh and Ballari district in Karnataka. They were arrested

on September 5, 2011, by the CBI on charges of illegal mining by Obulapuram Mining Company, The CBI had arrest-

ed senior officers V.D. Rajagopal and Y. Srilakshmi of the then undivided AP₹s mining department. The charges against Rajagopal, former AP director of mines and vice-chairman and managing director of Mineral Development

were

Corporation,

that he had given preferential treatment to Obulapuram and mining denied licences to other applicants like Vinayaka Mining Company and 22 others.

The CBI said that Rajagopal's brotherin-law had joined Janardhan Reddy's OMC just 20 days before the official took over as director of mines and deology department.

Rajagopal had not considered the 23 that applications came from other companies for mining of iron ore and he unilaterally recommended OMC as to be granted the lease. He has been sentenced to jail.

The permission was for captive mining the ore mined in that region was to be used in the local steel plant and not to be exported. According to the chargesheet, Srilakshmi, industries secretary at that time, had dropped the term "captive mining" in the final order while approving the licence to OMC.

Srilakshmi claimed

that this was done at the insistence of the then mines minister P. Sabitha Indra Reddy. The Telangana High Court discharged Srilakshmi from the list of accused. The CBI court on Tuesday acquitted Indira Reddy.

The Supreme Court on January 20, 2015, granted conditional bail to Janardhan Reddy after he was confined in jail for more than three years and four months. From the seven years imprisonment imposed by the CBI court on Tuesday, the period will be excluded. The judge asked Gali Janardhan Reddy why his sentence should be reduced, as the law allowed up to 10 years of imprisonment or even life sentence. He said he was born into a poor family and started his first company at the age of 21, eventually creating jobs for over 1,500 people and livelihoods for 4,500 dependents. He claimed to have lawfully settled all dues closing when finance firm.

Graft: Sidda

exonerated

BJP alleged govt used BBMP's bus shelters for its publicity

The court ruled that the accusations lacked substance and were based on

ments without paying the

mandatory advertisement fee. He further claimed that

Congress leaders may have bribed BBMP and Information Department officials to avoid raising

dues. However, in its April 28

order, the Special Court,

presided over by Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat,





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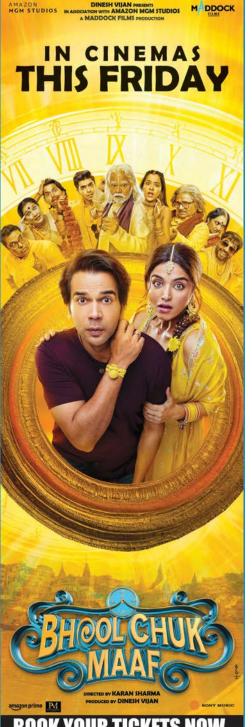
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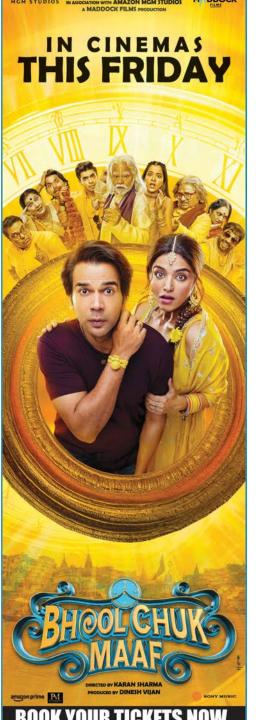
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CENTRE OPPOSES

KERALA'S BID TO WITHDRAW PLEA

AGAINST GOV.

New Delhi, May 6: The Centre in the Supreme Court on Tuesday opposed Kerala govern-

ment's stand to withdraw its petition against

Governor over the delay in approving bills passed by the state asse-

The submission of sen-

ior advocate K K Venugopal, appearing for the Kerala government, before a bench comprising Justices P S Narasimha and

Narasimna and Joymalya Bagchi was opposed by solicitor gen-eral Tushar Mehta. These are constitution-al issues. It cannot be

filed lightly and with-

drawn lightly we are working on the issues involved, Mehta said. Calling it strange, Venugopal asked how

could his plea be oppo-

sed. When a person of your stature withdraws

then even withdrawal has to be taken seriously, Mehta added. He said

the petition, which was filed against the delay on

the part of Governor in

granting assent to bills, had become infructuous

as the bills were sent to

He said the aspect was

challenged in a subse-

President later.



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GPR MALL AMR MALL NEO APARNA **GEETHA FILM DISTRIBUTORS RELEASE**

Bengaluru May 6: A Special Court in Bengaluru has dismissed a complaint alleging a conspiracy involving Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, minister K.J. George, and three senior officials to cause sig-nificant advertisement rev-enue losses to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Siddaramaiah (BBMP) between 2015 and

found the allegations insufficient to warrant even a preliminary inquiry.

conjecture rather than con-The judge remarked that the complaint was rooted in crete evidence. The complaint, filed by N.R. Ramesh, "assumptions and presumpa former corporator and BJP leader, claimed the BBMP suffered losses of ₹68.14 crotions" rather than material evidence, and emphasised that criminal proceedings re during Siddaramaiah's cannot be initiated based on earlier tenure as CM (20132018). Ramesh alleged that the state government used BBMP-owned bus shelters to advertise its achievespeculative claims.

The court acknowledged that while the use of bus shelters for government pub-licity without formal payments may indicate procedural lapses, such irregularities do not necessarily constitute corruption under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The Karnataka Lokayukta had closed the complaint, stating that the BBMP had not filed any grievance against the state government. — PTI



Screenwriter and lyricist Javed Akhtar with singer Sonu Nigam on the launch of Goongoonalo music app. in Mumbai on

Sonu apologises to Karnataka

New Delhi, May 6: Singer Sonu Nigam has issued an apolo-gy following his Bengaluru concert row. Nigam, known for tracks like Abhi Mujh Mein Kahin, Dil Dooba and No Entry, shared a post on his Instagram handle and said his love for Karnataka is bigger than his ego.

'Sorry, Karnataka. My Love for you, is bigger than my Ego. Love you always,"

lege in Bengaluru. As explained by the singer in his previous video post, he was threatened by a group of boys to sing in the Kannada language. He responded by saying, "Kannada. saying,

post. The incident

took place on April 25 when Nigam was performing at a col-

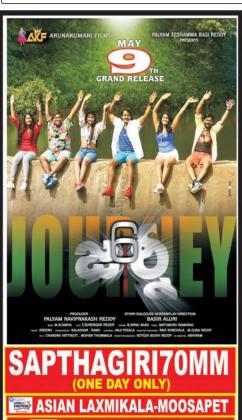
Kannada. This is the reason behind the incident in Panai gam." Many found Nigam wrote in his this hurtful. -PTI

5 OF A FAMILY DIE IN K'TAKA AS CAR COLLIDES WITH TRUCK

CORRESPONDENT **HUBBALLI, MAY 6**

Five members of a family, hailing from Sagara taluk in Shivamogga died on the spot as their car collided with a truck

at Ingalahalli Cross on NH 52 on Tue-sday. The family was heading towards Bagalkot. The deceased have been identified as Vittal 55, Shas-hikala 40, Shwetha 29, Anjali 26, and Sandeep 26.



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SHORT TAKES

PM LAUDS HIS AUSTRALIAN COUNTERPART

New Delhi, May 6: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday made a congratulatory call to his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese on his re-election, and the two leaders agreed to work together with renewed vigour to advance the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. He said on X, "Spoke with my friend Anthony Albanese to personally congratulate him on his party's historic victory. We agreed to work together with renewed vigour to advance the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and explore new areas of cooperation.

CENTRE GRANTS IN-PRINCIPLE NOD TO PURI AIRPORT

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, MAY 6

In a major boost to infrastructure and religious tourism in Odisha, the Centre has accorded 'in-principle' approval for the development of a greenfield airport in the holy city of Puri. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi made the announcement on Tuesday, expressing his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union civil aviation minister Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu for the landmark decision. Taking to social media platform X, the Chief Minister shared, "In a huge boost to connectivity and religious tourism, the Central Government has granted in-principle approval for a new greenfield airport in Puri. Named the Shree Jagannath Airport, the ambitious infrastructure project will be developed over 1,164 acres at an estimated cost of ₹5,631 crore."

ARREST ORDERS AGAINST CHINMOY KRISHNA DAS

Dhaka, May 6: A Bangladesh court on Tuesday ordered the arrest of detained Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das in four more cases, a day after the court took a similar action against him in a murder case.

Chattogram Metropolitan Magistrate SM Alauddin Mahmud issued the order after a virtual hearing, state-run BSS news agency reported.

A former ISKCON leader, Das. was arrested at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka on November 25 last year in a sedition case over alleged defamation of the national flag. His bail petition was rejected by a Chattogram court, which sent him to jail the next day.

MAOIST KILLED, **NAXAL BUNKERS** DESTROYED

DC CORRESPONDENT

Another female Maoist was gunned down as the biggestever counterinsurgency operation involving 24,000 jawans in the Karregutta hills along Chhattisgarh-Telangana border entered 16th day on Tuesday. The female Maoist's body was recovered at the encounter site on Monday taking the Naxal toll in the fortnight-long counterinsurgency operation in the lush green hilly terrain to four. Three other Maoists, slain during the operation on April 24, were aĪso females.

Police suspect that several key Maoist leaders may have either been killed or injured in the operation. "The inputs available suggest that several top Maoist leaders have either been killed or grievously wounded in the ongoing anti-Naxal operation," a statement issued by the Bastar police said here on Tuesday.

The security forces could not recover bodies of all the Naxals killed in the operation due to the difficult geographical conditions, a police officer said. As many as seven jawans have so far been injured in the IED blasts during the operation. According to the police, a CRPF assistant commandant Sagar Borade was injured during the operation on Sunday and he was airlifted to AIIMS Delhi, for treatment on Monday. His condition is stated to be stable now. Besides, two jawans of special task force were injured in the improvised explosive device explosion on Sunday.

The anti-Naxal operation code named Mission Sankalp, was launched in the Karregutta hills on April 21 to free an 800 sq km area, considered a Naxal stronghold.

Indus will flow in India's interest: Modi

Mocking Oppn, PM says former govts had to consider many factors before taking any major decision

SRIDHAR KUMARASWAMI | DC NEW DELHI, MAY 6

In a clear message to Pakistan on Tuesday evening, two weeks after India put the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) of 1960 with that country in abeyance in the wake of the terror attack in Pahalgam, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that while earlier 'India's share of waters was going outside", the "waters would now flow as per India's interests, be stopped in India's interests and be used only for

Speaking at an event organsied by a media gro-up in the Capital, Modi said, "Earlier the water meant for Indians was going outside. "Ab Bharat ka paani, Bharat ke haq me bahega, Bharat ke Haq me rukega aur Bharat ke hi kaam ayega... (But now, the water from India will flow in India's interest. The water will be stopped in India's interest and will be used only for India)."

Amid mounting political and military tensions with Pakistan, he said India has "strength, resources and resolve". He said that to take big decisions, the country's interests have to be paramount. In a jibe at the Opposition, he said earlier governments had to consider many factors like global opinion, vote bank politics and political power, before taking a big decision.

Reports had claimed India has restricted the flow of water through the Baglihar Dam on the Chenab River and is planning similar measures at the Kishanganga Dam on the Jhelum River. The reports citied sources who said these hydroelectric dams

- Baglihar in Ramban in Jammu and Kishanganga in north Kashmir — offer India the ability to regulate the timing of water releases. Under the IWT, which was signed by for-mer PM Jawaharlal Nehru and Pakistan's then president Ayub Khan in 1960, water of six rivers — Beas, Ravi, Sutlej, Indus, Chenab and Jhelum were to be shared between the two countries.





Rafale, Mirage, Sukhoi to fly today

Qatar Amir offers

India full support

The ruler (Amir) of Qatar called

up Prime Minister Narendra Modi

on Tuesday and "expressed full

support in Índia's fight against ter-

rorism and all its actions to bring

the perpetrators of the cross-bor-

der terror attack in Pahalgam to

justice", New Delhi said. Qatar's

position could come as a shock to

Islamabad which has been engaging the Gulf nation in the wake of

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jai-

swal said on X, "In a telephonic conversation with PM@narendramo-

di, the Amir of the State of Qatar, HH Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani@TamimBinHamad con-

veyed condolences and solidarity

with the people of India at the loss

of lives in the cross border terror

attack in Pahalgam, India.'

mounting Indo-Pak tensions.

DC CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI, MAY 6

PAWAN BALI I DC NEW DELHI, MAY 6

As tensions escalate with Pakistan, the Indian Air Force's frontline fighter aircraft like the *Rafale*, *Sukhoi-30s Mirage 2000* will be taking part in a two-day air exercise in the Rajasthan sector along the Indo-Pak border from Wednesday. In the course of the exercise, the IAF will hit simulated enemy targets on ground and in

Don't trouble

DC CORRESPONDENT

SRINAGAR, MAY 6

innocents: Omar

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Min-

ister Omar Abdullah on Tuesday

raised concerns amid reports of

the police and other law enforce-

ment agencies in their tough

counter-terrorism campaign fol-

lowing the Pahalgam terror attack

allegedly targetting civilians. He

called for a cautious and restr-

ained approach from the concerned authorities in response to

"We all understand the situation

here, but we must look into it so

that we don't affect the innocent

people of Jammu & Kashmir in

our efforts to catch those who were involved in the Pahalgam attack'

He added, "In the effort to get hold

of those responsible for the

Pahalgam incident, innocent peo-

ple must not suffer.

the April 22 gory incident.

exercise in the Arabian Sea. The drills will coincide with nationwide civil defence preparations in event of hostile

military action. A 'notice to airmen' has been issued for May 7 the government's next

Indian Navy too has ensure safety and opera-been conducting firing tional integrity. exercise in the Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra

Modi on Tuesday for the second straight day met National Security Adviser Ajit Doval to assess the situation in Kashmir and

and 8, close to the western border, and mainly in Rajasthan. During this period airspace in the period airspace in the secretary Rajesh Kumar

Singh, NSA Doval and home secretary Govind

Mohan. Last week, in a meeting with the top defence brass, Modi gave the armed forces "complete opera-tional freedom" to decide on the mode, targets and timing of the response to the Pahalgam terror attack which killed 26

tourists. Modi also emphasised

the national resolve to deal a "crushing blow to

PM cancelled visit after report: Cong.

Ranchi, May 6: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday claimed Prime Minister Narendra Modi had cancelled his Kashmir visit after "receiving an intelligence report three days before" the Pahalgam terror attack last

Noting that during an all-party meeting, the Centre accepted "intelligence failure" in the Pahalgam carnage, Kharge said the union government should be held accountable for "not reinforcing" security arrangements in Kashmir to protect people, even

Responding to Kharge's allegation, the BJP claimed that the Congress president's criticism of PM Modi over alleged intelligence failure in the Pahalgam terror attack was intended to "lower the morale of security forces" and amounted to "treason".

Give a strong reply to terrorists: Owaisi

YUSUF JAMEEL I DC

While reiterating that the April 22 terror attack at Pahalgam was a "cowardly and barbaric" act, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Tuesday said that India should give a strong response and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Owaisi who was speaking here said, "It was a terrorist attack, a cowardly act", reasserting his strong condemnation of it. He said, "We saw how the terrorists who had come from Pakistan took the lives of 26 people and the most painful and inhumane thing is that the males were separated from women and children and asked about their religion. Those who couldn't recite the Kalma were fired upon. This is darndgi (ferocity). Evidently this is an aching and heartbreaking incident. We have condem-

ned it, and we condemn it". He asserted the Kashmiris are bearing the brunt of the attack as the tourism sector has taken a hit. "Secondly, the people of Kashmir are suffering the most because of this incident. The tourists have left this place. We want our government to give a strong reply to it. We said this also at the all-parties meeting," he said.



AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi visits Dal Lake, in Srinagar on Tuesday. - PTI

On India's stopping the waterflow from the Chenab River to Pakistan through the Baglihar and Salal dams in Jammu and Kashmir, Owaisi said, "(It is because) the Indus-Water Treaty has been put at abeyance. The matter is also before the court of arbitration. Let's see what happens.

Asked about the death of a Kashmiri youth after he was picked up by the security forces for questioning in connection with reported existence of militant hideouts in the southern district of Kulgam, the AIMIM leader and Lok Sabha MP sought an inquiry into the incident. "I have read the statements of his relatives in the media. An inquiry should be held into the circumstances of his death," he said.

Solidarity



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi leaves after meeting the family of martyred Naval officer Lt. Vinay Narwal, who lost his life in the Pahalgam terror attack, in Karnal on Tuesday.

DISPOSAL OF BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY REMAINS BEGINS

RABINDRA NATH CHOUDHURY | DC BHOPAL, MAY 6

The disposal of 328-tonne toxic remains of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy has finally begun at the incineration facility at Pithampur in Dhar district in Madhya Pradesh on Monday evening.

According to Srinivas Dwivedy, regional offi-cer of Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board (MPPCB), said that it may take around 55 days to completely burn the entire toxic waste. A recent directive by

the Madhya Pradesh High Court has set in motion the process to dispose of the toxic waste, nearly four decades after the tragic leakage of the deadly methyl isocya-nate at Union Carbide plant in Bhopal on the intervening night of December 2 and December 3, 1984, leading to the death of around 5,000 people. A threephase trial run was conducted between February 12 and March 12 to burn the toxic waste.

Around 344 tonnes of toxic waste were kept in sealed packets inside the premises of the plant after the incident, billed as the world's worst industrial disaster. The wastes were shifted in a dozen sealed containers from Bhopal to Pithampur in January

for disposal. Dwivedy said the incineration of the toxic waste is done at the rate

of 270 kg per hour. Online continuous monitoring system has been installed to monitor release of hydrogen chloride, sulphur dioxide. carbon monoxide from the smoke coming out of the chimney of the blast furnace following incineration of the waste, sources said.



a helicopter after interacting with people hit by the recent violence in Murshidabad on Tuesday.

Mamata calls for end to strikes, violence

RAJIB CHOWDHURI AND PRANMOY BRAHMACHARI | DC KOLKATA, BERHAMPORE,

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday called for a halt to agitation and violence over the new Waqf Act. She also suggested anyone, willing to organise any protest on the issue, can hold it in New Delhi.

At a public event in Murshidabad during the second day of her visit to the district, she said, "No more Waqf protests will be allowed here. If you want to protest, go to New Delhi and start it there. If anyone dares to disturb peace again in Murshidabad. I will be the

worst-ever enemy to it."
"If you indulge in rioting, I will withdraw my support to you and dis-own you." Banerjee said at a new sub division covering the riot-hit areas of Shamsherganj, Suti and Farakka while informing a government notification would be issued soon. She then handed over a compensation of ₹10 lakh and allotted a home guard-job to Jhuma Ali Sheikh, wife of martyred Army PARA commando Jhantu Ali Sheikh.

New Delhi, May 6: The stage is set for a nationwide mock drill on Wedn-Union territories preparing to operationalise airraid sirens and train people on evacuation protocols and cleaning of bunkers and trenches

event of a "hostile attack". The emergency preparedness, the first perhaps since 1971, will be conducted by most states from 4 pm.

among other steps in the

Sources said the number of volunteers associated with this drill would be around 6 lakh but the final number could be more.

The drill follows the Union home ministry's communication on Monday to states and Union territories to conduct the drills due to the "new and complex threats" that have emerged amid rising tensions with Pakistan following the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 lives.

The authorities in all states will involve stu- and Kolkata and cities



India ready for nationwide

mock drill to be held today

School students in Jammu take part in a drill as they prepare for the nationwide civil defence drill exercise scheduled Wednesday.

tutions, employees of government and private org-anisations, hospital staff, railway and metro officials, besides uniformed personnel of the police, paramilitary and defence forces, while conducting the mock drills, the sources said. Most vulnerable places

dents of educational insti-

include metro cities like Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai that have vital installations like nuclear facilities or are along the border, they said.

civil defence 'The authorities are going to check the capabilities of all these zones and wherever something is lacking or not working, these will be rectified," a source said. This exercise of identifying site spots will continue for next three

CITIZENS TO TAKE PART IN DRILL New Delhi, May 6: The

BJP TELLS CADRE

BJP on Tuesday appealed try to join the mock drill on May 7, an exercise the Union ministry of home affairs (MHA) has asked all states and UTs to undertake to prepare for any "hostile attack" amid rising tensions with Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror strike. Party MPs and MLAs are expected to be a part of the exercise.

According to a communication from the MHA, the measures to be taken during the mock drill include the operationalisation of air-raid warning sirens, training civilians on civil-defence aspects to protect themselves during hostile attacks and cleaning bunkers and trenches apart from crash-blackout

QUEEN'S I BIOPIC Film City in Goregaon has been given the task to execute the film project

Maha to make movie on Ahilyabai Holkar

Ahilyanagar, May 6: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday announced a series of decisions centred around the legacy of erstwhile Indore queen Ahilyabai Holkar, including a film on her life and schemes aimed at the welfare of the Dhangar (shep-

For the first time, the state Cabinet convened at Chondi village in Ahily-anagar (formerly Ahme-dnagar), the birthplace of Holkar. To mark her tercentenary year, the Cabinet approved the production of a biographical film on her life. The movie will be made in Marathi and other regional languages, and will be broadcast on Doordarshan and various OTT platforms. Film City in Goregaon has been tasked with execut-ing the project, the Chief Minister said. The Cabinet also sanc-

tioned ₹10.50 crore for the Adishakti Mission, a programme aimed at the empowerment of women. The government will establish a 430-bed hospital and a medical college in Ahilyanagar district,



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis felicitated by Holkar family 16th descendant Yashwantrao

₹458 crore, the Chief Minister said after chairtions of Indore King Raje

Holkar at Chaundi on Tuesday. with a total allocation of ing the Cabinet meeting. To honour the contribu-

Yeshwantrao Holkar, especially in education (1797-1811), the Cabinet appro-ved the enrolment of Dhangar community students in reputed residential schools, the CMO said in a statement.

Between 2021 to 22 and 2024 to 25, 31,300 students have been enrolled in 162 schools under this initiative, with ₹288 crore dis-

bursed so far. The Cabinet also approved the construction of hostels for meritorious Dhangar students at the revenue division head-

quarters in Navi Mumbai,

Pune, Chhatrapati Sam-bhajinagar, Nashik, Nagpur, and Amravati. Each hostel will accommodate 200 students — 100

male and 100 female. Construction has already begun in Nashik, with Pune and Nagpur projects to begin shortly. Fadnavis said an industrial training institute exclusively for girl students will be established in Ahilyanagar district. Additionally, ₹75 crore has been sanctioned for the restoration and rejuvenation of water bodies originally built by Ahilyabai Holkar. -PTI SHORT TAKES

3 DIE AS U.S. **BOAT CAPSIZES, 2 INDIANS INJURED**

New York, May 6: Three people were killed and seven others, including two Indian chil dren, are missing after a small boat believed to be carrying migrants overturned in the Pacific Ocean off the coast near the US city of San Diego.

The boat carrying at least 16 people on board capsized on Monday about 15 miles north of downtown San Diego in California, along Torrey Pines State Beach. "Coast Guard Sector San Diego watchstanders at approximately 6,30 am received the report of the overturned

FUGITIVE FLED FROM AIRPORT, **NOW SEARCH ON**

Seattle, May 6: A man fled custody inside Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and was able to take a light rail train into the city, authorities said.

Port of Seattle police were notified around 11 am on Sunday that a man had escaped from the airport while he was being taken to Kentucky, where he was wanted on warrants.

In a statement, airport spokesperson Perry Cooper said a "contracted agent" lost control of the suspect during the check-in process at the ticket counter of the airport and that he fled toward the light

BAN UNDER-16s FROM SOCIAL **MEDIA: NZ PM**

Sydney, May 6: New Zealand's Prime Minister on Tuesday proposed banning children under 16 from social media, stressing the need to shield them from the perils of big tech platforms.

Regulators the world over are wrestling with how to keep children safe online, as social me-dia is increasingly flooded with violent and disturbing content.

Christopher Luxon unveiled draft laws that would force social media companies to verify users were at least 16 vears old, or face fines of up to NZ\$2 million (\$1.2 million).

The proposed ban was mod-

HARRY'S LAWYERS **IN COURT VERSUS UK PUBLISHER**

London, May 6: Lawyers for Prince Harry were back in court in London on Tuesday, days after he lost a legal fight with the government over his secu rity arrangements and gave an emotional interview in which he said his father King Charles no longer spoke to him.

Along with singer Elton John and five other high-profile UK figures. Harry is suing Associated Newspapers (ANL), alleging widespread unlawful behaviour. They accuse ANL of serious privacy breaches dating back 30 years, ranging from tapping their phones and bugging their homes.

DUST STORM SWEEPS INTO IRAN, MANY HIT

Tehran, May 6: Iranian authorities ordered schools and offices closed in seven western provinces on Tuesday as a dust storm swept in from neighbouring Iraq, with around 13 million people told by authorities to stay indoors.

Khuzestan, Kermanshah, Ilam and Kurdistan provinces were all affected, and state television cited local officials as blaming the closures on high levels of accumulated dust.

Government and private offices also shut in several provinces, including Kermanshah and Ilam, as well as Khuzestan

U.S. CLIMBER TRIES TO SCALE MT MAKALU, DIES

Kathmandu, May 6: An American climber died while attempting to scale Mount Makalu in Nepal, officials said.

Nepal's mountaineering department identified the climber who died on Sunday on the slopes of the world's fifth tallest mountain as 39-year-old Alexander Pancoe. The statement said the climber from Chicago was descending from Camp Three to Camp Two on the mountain when he suffered from cardiac arrest. Attempts are being made to bring the body down from the mountain to Kathmandu.

Merz appointed chancellor of Israel pummels Germany after historic defeat

Elected in 2nd round vote; interim PM in Romania after coalition's defeat

President Frank-Walter Steinmeier conservative leader Friedrich Merz as chan-cellor on Tuesday, after lawmakers elected Merz to the post in a secondround vote.

The appointment in the presidential palace offi-cially marks the start of Merz's time in office, following a dramatic day in the Bundestag in which Merz initially failed to gain the necessary majority of MPs but prevailed in the second vote.

Merz won a nail-biter second vote in Parliament to become chancellor after he lost the first round in a stunning early setback.

Merz, 69, scored an absolute majority of 325 against 289 in the secret vote in the lower house of Parliament.

He takes over at the helm of a coalition between his CDU/CSU alliance and the centreleft Social Democrats (SPD) of the outgoing chancellor, Olaf Scholz.

He was appointed post war Germany's 10th chancellor, along with his Cabinet. Merz is due to visit Paris and then Warsaw on Wednesday.

His victory caps a long ambition to lead Europe's biggest economy, which was first foiled decades ago by party rival Angela Merkel who went on to serve as chancellor for 16 years. Merz's eventual victory on Tuesday was bittersweet as the initial defeat — the first such outcome in Germany's post-war history — point-



TWO-AND-A-HALF MONTHS AGO: FRIEDRICH MERZ'S **CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS** WON GERMANY'S FEDERAL ELECTION.

630 seats in the Bundestag.

seats was what

he managed.

and the centre-left

Social Democrats

announcement of

ed to rumblings of dis-

first-round loss was "a

bad start" for Merz and

"shows that he cannot

fully rely on his two coali-

tion parties, wrote analyst Holger Schmieding of

Berenberg Bank. "That

will sow some doubts

unprecedented

his

content within uneasy coalition.

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316 votes needed to

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IT IS THE FIRST TIME in the 76-year history of the German republic that a chancellor-designate has not won majority backing in the first vote.

said earlier.

18 MPs who were expected to vote for him defected. **MERZ SHOULD** step aside and the way should be cleared for a general election." - ALICE WEIDEL AfD co-leader had

about his ability to fully

pursue his agenda, dam-

aging his domestic and

international authority

'Merz should step aside

and the way should be

cleared for a general elec-

tion," far-right Alternati-

ve for Germany (AfD) co-

leader Alice Weidel said

earlier, calling the first-

at least initially.

Steinmeier appointed Merz as chancellor. NOW ELECTED. Merz has become the oldest

GERMAN PREZ

Frank-Walter

German chancellor since Konrad Adenauer, the country's first post-war head of government.

round result a "good day for Germany' Romania's interim president appointed a new pr-

ime minister on Tuesday, a day after Marcel Ciolacu stepped down following the failure of his coalition's candidate to make the runoff in a rerun of the presidential

ALBERTA PREMIER FOR SEPARATION **FROM CANADA**

Vancouver, May 6: The premier of Canada's oilrich province of Alberta said on Monday she will hold a referendum on separation from Canada next year if a citizen-led petition reaches the required number of signatures. Speaking on a livestream address, Danielle Smith said she does not support the province leaving Canada and expressed hope of a "path forward" for a strong and sovereign Alberta within a united Canada.

SL LOCAL POLLS: PREZ PARTY WINS 1ST RESULT

Colombo, May 6: The National People's Power (NPP) led by Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake won the first official result declared by the Elections Commission in the local council election held on Tuesday.

A total of 339 local councils went to polls after the election was postponed in 2023 after the economic crisis.

The counting of votes started after voting ended. The ruling National People's Power is expecting to add to its wins from the presidential and parliamentary elections

Yemen's airport

planes bombed the airport in Yemen's rebel-held capital Sanaa on Tuesday, the latest retaliation for a missile strike by the Iran-backed that targeted Israel's main airport.

Plumes of thick, black smoke were seen billowing from the airport area after a series of strikes shook the impoverished Arab country's capital. Residents reported power

outages in Sanaa and the Houthi-controlled port city of Hodeida, after the Israelis struck three electricity stations in and around the capital, according to the rebels. Israel's military said it took the airport "fully" out of action after hitting run-

ways and aircraft. There

were no immediate reports

of casualties.

media. Israel has now launched two volleys of strikes after a Houthi missile penetrated the perimeter of Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion International Airport for the first time on Sunday, leaving a large crater and wounding six people. Houthi authorities said

that on Monday four people were killed and 35 wounded as Israel's initial reprisal strikes hit a cement factory and targets in Hodeida.

On Tuesday, the Israeli military said that its "fighter jets struck and dismantled Houthi terrorist infrastructure at the main airport in Sanaa, fully disabling the airport". "Flight runways, aircraft and infrastructure at the airport were struck.' Israel targeted the airport because it "served as a cen-A previous Israeli attack tral hub for the Houthis to transfer weapons.

'Grandest' Victory Day beckons Putin

Moscow, Kyiv, May 6: since become embroiled in a Russian President Vladimir Putin will address the "grandest" ever annual Victory Day parade in Moscow on Friday, evoking the Soviet Union's defeat of Nazi Germany in World War II to rally support for his troops fighting in Ukraine.

Russia marks the event more than three years into its offensive, and after pummelling Ukraine with a string of deadly attacks in April despite US President Donald Trump pushing for a peace deal.

The Kremlin launched a full-scale attack on Ukraine in February 2022, hoping to However, the invasion has

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huge conflict that has killed tens of thousands. Putin has ordered a three-

day truce in Ukraine to coincide with the event — which Kyiv has denounced as a ceasefire "just for the parade". Russia and Ukraine each released 205 captured soldiers, both sides said on Tuesday, in the fifth prisoner-of-war exchange since the beginning of the year. The warring countries have held many rounds of POW exchanges throughout Moscow's more-than-three-year invasion. Ukraine — which has hit Russia and Moscow with drones — has said it cannot take responsibility for what happens in Russia. -AFP

Khaleda in B'desh after UK treatment

Dhaka, May 6: Bangladesh's ailing former prime minister Khaleda Zia on Tuesday returned to the country from London after four months of medical treatment, with party leader expressing hope that the return will facilitate the restoration of democracy in the nation.

Zia went to London on January 8 for advanced medical care and was admitted to The London Clinic. After being discharged from the clinic, the BNP chairperson moved to her eldest son Tarique Rahman's residence, where she has been receiving treatment. A Qatari royal air ambulance carrying



Bangladesh's ex-PM Khaleda Zia leaves Dhaka airport in a car, on

Khaleda and her entourage landed at Hazrat Shahialal International Airport at 10.42 a.m., BNP Media Cell member Sayrul Kabir Khan was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune.

WHAT'S IN A PAPAL NAME? **CHOICE OF NAME SIGNALS AGENDA FOR COMING PAPACY** When Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio emerged onto the balcony of St Peter's Basilica after the conclave of March 2013 and took the name of the 13th century St Francis of Assisi, he laid out a

JOHN, the most common name chosen by past popes and a name Francis often suggested as one for his successor,

would evoke Pope John XXIII (1958 to 1963), often referred to as The Good

OTHER POPULAR **CHOOSING** the name Paul could honour Pope Paul VI (1963 to 1978), generally seen as a careful consolidator, who also gave

CARDINALS ENTER SECLUSION AHEAD

OF SECRET CONCLAVE TO ELECT POPE

plan for his papacy.

papal names have included Gregory, Clement, Leo and Pius. There is also Benedict, which could honour Francis' conservative predecessor, clear doctrinal Benedict XVI. answers.

CARDINAL ALBINO Luciani, elected pope in 1978, decided he could not pick just one name. He chose John Paul, to honour both of his immediate predecessors.

age of 80 able to vote on

who should be the next

leader of the 1.4-billion-

The race to succeed Fra-

Although a few names

have been cited as possi-

ble front-runners, several

of the 133 cardinals who

are expected to cast their

votes in the conclave have

said that they do not

ncis, who died last month,

is seen as wide open.

member Church.

Admit 12K refugees into US, Judge orders Trump

Washington, May 6: A judge on ordered President Donald Trump's administration to admit around 12,000 refugees into the United States, a blow to the government's efforts to reshape America's immi-

gration policy. The order clarifies the limits imposed by an appeals court ruling allowed Trump administration to suspend the refugee admissions system, but said it must admit people already granted refugee status with travel plans to the United States.

The US administration argued at a hearing last week that it should only have to admit 160 refugees who were scheduled to travel within two weeks of an executive order in January halting the system.

But US District Judge Jamal Whitehead overruled the claim on Monday, saying "the gov-ernment's interpretation is, to put it mildly, 'interpretive jigge-rypokery' of the highest order. "It requires not just reading between the lines" of the appeal decision "but hallucinating new text that simply is not there," Whitehead

wrote in his order. Whitehead had originally blocked Trump's executive order halting refugee admissions, ruling in February that it likely violated the 1980 Refugee Act.

But his decision was overruled by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals a month later.

CUT TO TOP MILITARY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

United States defence secretary Pete Hegseth on Monday directed the active duty military to shed 20% of its fourstar general officers as

the United States administration moves forward with deep cuts that it says will promote efficiency but that critics worry could result in a more politicised force.

TRUMP ORDERS CURB ON VIRUS RESEARCH HE BLAMES FOR COVID PANDEMIC

US President Donald Trump ordered new limitations on a form of biological research his administration says caused the Covid-19 pandemic through a China lab leak.

TRUMP OFFICIAL SAYS HARVARD **IS BANNED FROM FEDERAL GRANTS**

President Donald Trump's education secretary Linda McMahon, in a letter sent to Harvard's president and posted university "should no longer seek GRANTS from the federal government, since none will be provided," sescalating an ongoing battle with the prestigious univer-



CARNEY MEETS TRUMP, STRESSES CANADA WILL NEVER BE FOR SALE

Washington, May 6: US President Donald Trump began his first talks with Canadian PM Carney Tuesday and vowed to bring up "tough points" that are dividing the two countries since Trump

imposed tariffs. Their meeting started with smiles and a handshake despite Trump's desire to make Canada the 51st US state. "We're not going to be discussing that unless somebody wants to discuss it," Trump said. "It would really be a wonderful marriage. Carney put down the idea firmly. "It's not for sale, it won't be for sale — ever," he told Trump in the Oval Office.

Trump, whose tariff policy has rattled world markets, said he and Carnev would discuss "tou gh points," an allusion to his belief that the US can do without Canadian products. — Reuters

"Never say never, never say never," Trump said.

Trump assassination attempt coverage awarded at Pulitzers

New York Times won four Pulitzer Prizes and the **New Yorker** three on Monday for journalism in 2024 that touched on topics like the fentanyl crisis, the US military and last summer's assassination attempt on US President Donald Trump.
The Pulitzers' prestigi-

Kavitha Surana, Lizzie Presser, Cassandra Jaramillo and Stacy Kranitz honoured for were reporting on pregnant women who died after doctors delayed urgent care in states with strict abortion laws.

the second straight year.

The Washington Post won for "urgent and illubreaking minating' news coverage of the Trump assassination at-

honoured Ann Telnaes, who quit the Post in January after the news outlet refused to run her editorial cartoon lampooning tech chiefs including Post owner Jeff Bezos — cozying up to Trump

The Pulitzers honoured the best in journalism from 2024 in 15 categor ies, along with eight arts categories.

E-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF MAY/2025 E-Auction programme for sale of Railway scrap material under the Jurisdiction of Lumding Division for the month of MAY/2025 is hereby fixed as under

Tender Notification The HMDA is inviting tenders for Lease of Disney Toys Shop, Amusement, Swimming Pool & Gym, Parking & Canteen at Dr.G.S.Melkote Park, Narayanaguda, Priyadarshini Park at Saroornagar, Patelkunta Park, Rajiy Gandhi Park, Salilguda Park etc from the registered contractors in any State or Central Government Departments / Dyranizations who have previous experience of executing similar nature of works on e-procurement platform. The last date for tender filing is 21.05.2025. For further details please

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www.ireps.gov.in) for participation in e-auction

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-Tender Notice

Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed" Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work Description of Work: The Balance work for "Provision for goods siding platform and

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG-GSU-2025-04 Approx Cost :₹ 94285202.90

Earnest Money: ₹ 621400.00 Date of closing Tender: 27/05/2025

Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 12 month Tender online can be submitted up to 10:30 hrs on 27.05.2025. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE (Electrical Construction)

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer / Const. / N.C. Rly. / Prayagraj acting for and of behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following work up to 15:00 hrs. on 30.05.2025. The details of the tende Tender Opening Date: 30.05.2025

Advertised Value of Work (In Rs.): ₹ 17,64,78,445.20 Name of Work: Detouring of existing 132 kV 3 phase double circuit transmission line at various 2X25 kv TSS in Jeonathpur-Kanpur section of North Central Railway in connection with MISSION RAFTAR PROJECT.

Bid Security (In Rs.): ₹ 10,32,400/- Period of Completion : 06 Months Note:- (1) The Complete information along with tender document of above e-Tender are available on website www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tende opening. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate. (3) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website IREPS may be approached. 772/25(A)

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TENDER NOTICE

Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), a Government Enterprise nvites bids from eligible companies for the following goods/services Particular(s) Pre - Bid Meeting Last Date & Time for

RFP for Empanelment Date: 9th May 2025 Date: 23rd May 2025 of Insurance Time: 11:30 AM Time: 3:00 PM

Tender/RFP document & related necessary information may be downloaded from GSTN website: www.gstn.org.in. Any amendment/corrigendum shall be uploaded on GSTN

Sanjay Sharma VP (P&C) CBC 15319/12/0001/2526

Vatican City, May 6:

Cardinals who will take

part in the secret concla-

ve to elect a new Catholic

Pope began checking into

two Vatican hotels on Tu-

esday, where they will be

barred from contact with

the outside world as they

decide who should succe-

The conclave will start

behind the closed doors of

the Sistine Chapel on We-

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Five firms get approval for IPO from Sebi

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Five companies initial public offerings (IPOs) proposals were cleared by Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) last week as per latest updates provided by Sebi. Veritas Finance, Laxmi India Finance, Ajay Poly, Regaal Resources and Jaajoo Rashmi Refractories have received Sebi approval for their IPOs as per details available. These five companies their observations during April 29-30, the data showed.



BoB Q4 net up by 3% to ₹5,048 cr in March quarter

Bank of Baroda (BoB) on Tuesday reported a 3 per cent rise in net profit at ₹5,048 crore for March quarter of FY25. It had earned a net profit of ₹4,886 crore in the year-ago period. "Margins have been under pressure due to competitive interest rates on deposits However, the improvement in liquidity and repo rate cuts will provide a conducive environment for margins," Debadatta Chand, MD and CEO, BoB, said.

Adani Power gets 1,500 MW project from UP for 25 yrs

Adani Power has won a contract to supply 1,500 MW of electricity to Uttar Pradesh (UP) at ₹5.38 per unit for 25 years, sources said. The Uttai Pradesh government has approved signing of a power purchase agreement (PPA) between Uttar Pradesh Power Corpor-ation and Adani Power for supply of thermal power for 25 years, they said. The power will be supplied from a new plant that will be set up in UP.

Rilox EV to deploy 20,000 2-wheelers in operations

Electric vehicle player Rilox EV has forged a multi-year OEM partnership with multi-modal electric mobility platform Hala Mobility to deploy its Spark Lite electric two-wheeler for gig workers, urban commuters and fleet operators. The alliance will see deployment of close to 20,000 electric two-wheelers in these segments, starting with low-speed models and also extending to high-speed variants, Rilox said.

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99% of Indian exports, 90% of UK products to face zero duty

Pact eases mobility of professionals; Indian youngsters can work in Britain

It will unleash opportunities for businesses across regions and nations of UK with 85 per ceny of these becoming fully tariff-free within a decade".

Almost 90 per cent of British products will face

lower tariff in India.

According to the Indian statement, the FTA ensures comprehensive market access for goods, across all sectors, covering all of India's export interests" and that it would "gain from tariff elimination on about 99 per cent of the tariff lines covering almost 100 percent of the trade value offering huge opportuni-ties for increase in the bilateral trade between India and the UK".

The FTA "opens up massive export opportunities for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, marine products, leather, footwear, sports goods and toys, gems and jewellery, and other important sectors such as engineering goods, auto parts and engines, and organic chemicals".

It also mentioned a "significant boost to trade in services, such as IT/ITeS, financial services, professional services, other business services and educational services, besides stronger strategic alignment and greater global mobility for aspirational young Indians."

Britain also said "whisky and gin tariffs will be halved from 150 per cent to 75 per cent before reducing to 40 percent by year ten of the deal, while automotive tariffs will go from over 100 per cent to 10 per

cent under a quota". The British government, in a statement, said "other goods with reduced tariffs ... include cosmetics, aerospace, lamb, medical devices, salmon, electrical machinery, soft drinks, chocolate and biscuits" and termed the pact as a 'multi-billion-pound boost to UK's economy".

India called the free trade agreement with Britain as a "modern, comprehensive and landmark agreement.

Duty Free

FTA is an arrangement between two or more countries where they agree either to end or reduce customs duties on the maximum number of goods traded between them, besides cutting down non-trade barriers.

INDIA'S SIGNED TRADE DEALS

India has inked trade deals with Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Korea, Japan, Australia, UAE, Mauritius, the 10-nation bloc Asean, and four European nations' bloc

India is negotiating trade agreements at present with with the US, Oman, the European Union (EU), Peru, and Israel.

BENEFITS OF FTAS ZERO-DUTY entry into partner country markets helps in diversification and expansion of export markets.

FTAs enable preferential treatment in the partner country market over non-FTA member country rivals.

THEY allow access to raw materials, intermediate products and capital goods for value-added manufacturing.

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The India-UK trade deal

will benefit exports of tex-

and

On the other hand, India will lower tariffs on cars, whiskey, gin, medical

devices, aeronautical and

electrical products as well

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import duty on whisky and gin from the UK will be cut to 75 per cent initially and to 40 per cent by the 10th year.

The deal will create new job opportunities as well as benefit a large number of Indians working in the UK.

Textiles, pharma, jewellery biz to get boost with FTA

THE UK will charge zero duty on minerals, chemicals, gems and jewellery, plastic, rubber, wood, paper, textile, cloth-

ing, glass, ceramic, base

metals, mechanical and electri-

TARIFFS ON auto imports will

go from over 100 per cent to 10 per cent on both sides.

cal machinery, arms, auto, furniture, sports

goods, animal prod-

ucts, and processed

investments, and further integrate Indian businesses into the global value chain," said Federation of

> Organisations. The India–UK FTA eliminates or sig-nificantly reduces tariffs on a wide range of Indian Indian exporters preferential access to

one of the world's most affluent and consumptiondriven markets. Textiles and apparel will

benefit from the removal of tariffs as it will enhance India's competitiveness against countries Bangladesh Vietnam. "In 2024, the UK imported T&A products worth about \$27 billion from across the world. India is the 4th largest supplier with 6.6 per cent share," said Chandrima Chatterjee, secretary general of CITI.

Leather and footwear will get increased access to high-end UK retail markets. Gems and jewellery exporters will get a boost for India's handcrafted products and streamlined regulatory processes will accelerate generic pharmaceutical approvals.

The trade deal will also provide better access for value-added products. including tea, spices, fish, rice, and ready-to-eat seg-

INDIAN EMPLOYEES CAN AVOID PAYING SOCIAL FUNDS IN UK

New Delhi, May 6: India and the UK on Tuesday announced the conclusion of negotiations for a social security pact, which would help avoid double contribution to social security funds by Indian professionals working for a limited period in Britain.

The announcement of the Double Contribution Convention agreement was made along with the free trade agreement between the two countries.

sionals working for a limited period in Britain contribute to their social security funds, but are not able to get their benefits as they return once the projects are complete. It was a long-standing demand of Indian busi-nesses operating in Britain to cut down on the additional cost burden associ-

ated with bringing in

health surcharge paid towards the National Health Service (NHS), as

agreements with countries like Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, France, Denmark, South Korea, and the Netherlands.

abroad for employment are not required to contribute towards social security schemes in these They and their employ-

Presently, Indian profes-

skilled Indian professionals on a short-term basis.
The compulsory National Insurance (NI) contributions of skilled Indian professionals in the UK on temporary visas remain an additional cost burden of about 500 British pounds per employee a year, over and above all other taxes and

per 2021 data. India has social security

Thus, Indians going

ers can continue with social security schemes run by the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation here in India whi

Apple to make all iPhones in **India: Scindia** FC CORRESPONDENT

Union telecom minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Tuesday said that Apple would soon manufacture all iPhones in India in the coming years. The minister also said investment in India at present makes economic sense for every original equipment manufacturer.

"India's policy environment and expanding manufacturing ecosystem are making it an increasingly attractive destination for global tech firms," he said while inaugurating Bharat Telecom 2025 in the capital.

Citing Apple's plans to source and produce most iPhones sold in the US from India, Scindia also said that investing in the country today is not just about goodwill, but a sound economic decision for every original equipmanufacturer (OEM)

"Apple has decided to source and produce all its mobile phones in India in the years to come. When you invest in India, you are choosing affordability, reliability and originali-

ty," he added. Recently, Apple chief executive officer Tim Cook had announced during the company's earnings call that the company would source the majority of the iPhones sold in the US from India in the June quarter, while China will produce the vast majority of the devices for other markets amid uncertainty over tax tariffs.

During the presentation, Jyotiraditya also highlighted all achievements of the government taken for the telecom sector in the country. "In just 22 months, we connected 99 per cent of our villages with 5G and brought 82 per cent of our population



INVESTING in the country today is not just about goodwill, but a sound economic decision for every OEM. Apple has decided to source and produce all its mobile phones in India in the years to come. When you invest in India, you are choosing affordability, reliability and

JYOTIRADITYA SCINDIA, Union telecom minister

originality.

onto the network, deploying 4,70,000 towers - this is not evolution; it is a telecom revolution. This digital highway we have built across India is not merely about communication - it is the infrastructure of infrastructure, empowering 1.4 billion citizens with access to healthcare, education, governance, and economic opportuni-

ty," Scindia said. The minister also pointed out that India has not only caught up with the world in areas like 4G and 5G, but is now leading the charge, with sweeping reforms and technological innovation shaping the country's trajectory.

"The role of India's telecom sector as a transforforce described the nation's evolution from expensive, limited mobile access in the 1990s to now being the world's second-largest telecom market and the cheapest data provider,'

Hyundai's Creta most selling SUV in India

FC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

Hyundai Motor India announced that Hyundai Creta SUV has emerged as the highest-selling model in the Indian automobile industry for the second consecutive month.

Hyundai Creta recorded 17,016 unit sales in April, with a year-on-year growth of 10.2 per cent compared to April 2024. It also maintained its leadership as India's best-selling sport utility vehicle (SUV) from January – April 2025, with a cumulative sale of 69,914 units.
This performance of

Creta has helped SUV contribution to Hyundai Motor India Limited's domestic sales to all time high of 70.9 per cent in

April 2025. This underscores the growing consumer preference for Hyundai's SUV lineup.

"Being the best-selling car across all segments for two months in a row and the top-selling sport utility vehicle in the industry for the first four months of 2025 cumulatively is a proud achievement for us. The addition of the electric powertrain has further strengthened the brand Creta. Now, it is also a key enabler in India's electric mobility journey," said Tarun Garg, whole-time director and chief operating offi-cer, Hyundai Motor India Limited.

With over a decade of presence, it has seen sales of more than 1.2 million happy customers, release said.



on Indo-Pak tensions

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

Broader market companies shares went into a tailspin as investors caution rose across the board on tense Indo-Pak border situation. Also poor fourth quarter perform-ance by Bank of Baroda hit PSU bank shares.

BSE mid-cap and small-cap index were down by 2.16 per cent and 2.33 per cent respectively amid growing concern arising out of recent Indian government moves of nation wide security drill.

Sensex fell 0.19 per cent or 155.77 points to close at 80,641 while Nifty-50 fell 0.33 per cent or 81.55 points to 24,379.60.

Stock market investors

by ₹6.16 lakh crore as BSE's market capitalisation fell to ₹421.31 lakh cr.

However, foreign investors were not bothered and bought equities worth ₹3,794.52 crore on Tuesday compared to ₹497.79 crore on Monday. Domestic institutions

we-re net sellers by

₹1,397.68 crore as

against Monday's net buying of ₹2,788.66 crore "Market volatility was further aggravated by esca-

lating geopolitical ten sions between India and Pakistan, coupled with uncertainty surrounding the US Fed's upcoming interest rate decision, said Siddhartha Khemka, head - Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Markets underperform Services PMI picks up growth in April again

MADHUSUDAN SAHOO NEW DELHI, MAY 6

India's services sector regained momentum in April after a slowdown in March, mainly due to stronger growth in new businesses and output, a survey showed on Tuesday.

Alongside this positive trend, the capacity pressures continued to build, with unfinished work rising solidly. Besides, the increase in new orders also underpinned a faster expansion in employment, the survery showed.

As per the survey, the seasonally adjusted HSBC India services purchasing managers' index (PMI) rose to 58.7 in April from 58.5 in March, staying well above the 50-mark print that signals expansion, though it is still below



PMI: Purchasing Managers' Index

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February's 59. Pranjul Bhandari, chief India economist at HSBC said that India services activity rose at faster pace than last month. "New export orders gained the momentum after taking a breather in March, accelerating at its fastest pace since July 2024," she said. The survey further noted that on the pricing

rate of

contraction

2024

front, average charges increased at a quicker pace, despite cost pressures retreating to a sixmonth low. "Margins month low. improved as cost pressures eased and prices charged rose at a faster firms pace. Though remained optimistic about future growth, their confidence waned slightly," Bhandari added.

Sources: Nikkei, IHS Markit

Average cash withdrawals from ATMs at 1.3 cr in FY25

SANGEETHA G. CHENNAI, MAY 6

Despite the increased usage of UPI, the average cash dispensed per ATM has increased in the past eight years to ₹1.3 crore in FY25. North Indian states dominate in the dispensa-

tion of cash. From ₹1.02 crore in FY17, average cash withdrawal per ATM has increased to ₹1.30 crore in FY25. ATM cash dispensation has seen a consistent uptick since FY17, barring a slump in FY21 due to the impact of Covid. Bihar, New Delhi, Uttar

Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are top states in terms of consumption, according

Consumption Report 2025. There has been an increase in ticket size of ATM withdrawals. The average ticket size (ATS) of ATM withdrawals in FY25 was ₹5,658, registering a y-o-y growth of 3 per cent. Further, few months witnessed a higher growth in ticket size at 4 – 6 per cent. In contrast, the ATS of UPI transactions

dropped by 8 per cent from

₹1,603 in H1 2023 to ₹1,478

Hospitality firm announces 1st LXR Hotels & Resorts property in India Hilton plans to triple luxury portfolio

B. KRISHNA MOHAN BENGALURU, MAY 6 Bengaluru Hospitality major Hilton is significantly increasing its footprint in India, with plans to triple its luxury portfolio in coming years. Hilton is reinforcing its position as a leading player in India's luxury and lifestyle hospitality sector. With plans for continued Bengaluru in 2026. expansion, the company is poised to contribute significantly to the growing

Brand Showcase event in Bengaluru on Tuesday. The event, held at Hilton

Embassy Manyata Business Park, showcased 10 of Hilton's 24 brands, spanning luxury, lifestyle, and focused service segments. Hilton also announced its first LXR Hotels & Resorts property in India, set to open in

Chris Nassetta, president and chief executive officer of Hilton, emphasised that India is a cornerstone of Hilton's global growth strategy. "As one of the



world's largest and most dynamic markets, India omy segments," he said.

presents a significant opportunity across both luxury and premium econ-Alan Watts, president, Asia Pacific, Hilton, said, "With more than 1,000 hotels across Asia Pacific, and plans to grow to 10 times our current portfolio in India with our SLA partners, our commitment to this region is stronger than ever. With strong momentum in 2025 and a clear vision for the future, we are investing, expanding, and ensuring Hilton has a presence everywhere our guests want to travel in India."

"India is bold, fast-moving, and shaping the way the world travels. Our goal here is to meet guests wherever they are, with

the right brand, in the right place, at the right said Alexandra time, Jaritz, senior vice president, brand management, Asia Pacific, Hilton.

Hilton's expansion plans include new hotels and brands, such as the Waldorf Astoria in Jaipur and Conrad Hotels & Resorts, which will cater to luxury travelers. Hilton spotlighted its lifestyle and focused service brands, including Signia by Hilton, Curio Collection by Hilton, and Spark by Hilton.





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SRIDHAR TO TRAIN SRI LANKAN CRICKET SIDES

New Delhi, May 6: Former India fielding coach R. Sridhar of Hyderabad will conduct a comprehensive 10-day programme for Sri Lankan cricketers at various levels from Wednesday, the country's cricket board announced.

Sridhar, a BCCI Level 3 coach, will be involved with the Lankan men's and women's national squads, emerging squads, premier club players, the Under 19 team, and the Women's 'A' team.

Sridhar will conduct fielding drills, skill-specific training, and simulated match scenarios, to replicate game conditions.

The specialised programme is to elevate the fielding standards of Sri Lankan cricketers. Sridhar brings in a wealth of experience, having served as India's fielding coach across more than 300 international matches from 2014 to 2021," Sri Lanka Cricket said in a statement on Tuesday.



Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty (left) and her partner Alexandra Shubladze pose with their trophies at the Lopota Open in Georgia.

RASHMIKAA RUNNER-UP AT GEORGIA TOURNEY

Hyderabad, May 6: Hyderabad tennis player Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty and her partner Alexandra Shubladze lost the women's doubles final at the Lopota W50 Open tennis tournament in Lopota, Georgia. In final, Rashmikaa & Alexandra went down to Rutuja Bhosale of India and Paige Hourigan of New Zealand with a 3-6, 2-6 scoreline.

THE RESULT

Final: Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipaty (India)/ Alexandra Shubladze (Russia) lost to Rutuja Bhosale (India)/ Paige Hourigan (New Zealand) 3-6, 2-6.

HYDERABAD YMCA BEAT **VPG BY A HUGE MARGIN**

Hyderabad, May 6: YMCA Hyderabad proved too strong for Victory Playground, beating them 44-7 in their match at the LVR Memorial Basketball Championship being played at Victory Playground. In another match, YMCA Secunderabad outplayed Gymkhana Grounds 51-18.

THE RESULTS

■ YMCA Hyderabad bt VPG 44-7; YMCA Secunderabad bt Gymkhana Grounds 51-18; Keystone bt YMCA Hyderabad 67-47; Rising Stars bt VPG 57-35; Santhnagar bt Sainikpuri 60-38; Women — DBA bt YMCA Hyderabad 48-28.

RAINBLOW!

Titans beat Mumbai on last ball of rain-hit game

Mumbai, May 6: The IPL match between Mumbai Indians and Gujarat Titans twisted and turned thanks to two rain interruptions before the Titans won by three wickets under Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method at the Wankhede Stadium here on Tuesday night.

As rain broke up the low-scoring game for a second time, the Titans were 132 for 6 in 18 overs - 4 runs behind the DLS par score — while chasing Mumbai's 155 for 8. When it resumed, at

12.30 am on Wednesday, the Titans needed 15 runs off just one over. Rahul Tewatia hit Deepak Chahar for a boundary on the first ball before the Titans stole a single off the last ball to complete the victory.

Earlier, the Titans recovered from early the Titans fielding howlers while spin ace Rashid Khan (1/21) rediscovered his mojo to restrict Mumbai Indians to a below-par total.

As many as three dropped catches in the power play notwithstanding, Gujarat fought back through their spinners Rashid and R Sai Kishore (2/34) to grab control of the game in which Mumbai Indians crumbled against pressure.

Will Jacks, who was dropped twice on 0 and 29, struck a 35-ball 53 (5x4s, 3x6s) while Suryakumar Yadáv made a brisk 34 but the rest of the MI batters couldn't respond to the challenge, particularly skipper Hardik Pandya (1) and Tilak Varma (7).

An eventful first over from Mohammed Siraj (1/29) marked the start of the contest when B. Sai Sudharsan took a fine low catch at extra cover to dis-Ryan Ricketton (2) dropped another when Jacks smacked one

straight to him. Rohit Sharma (7) was beaten a few times by leftarm pacer Arshad Khan (1/18), who kept it tight from one end. Eventually, Rohit fell to Arshad in the fourth over, mishitting one to Prasidh Krishna at

SCOREBOARD

Mumbai Indians: Ryan Rickelton c Sai Sudharsan b Siraj 2, Rohit Sharma c Prasidh b Arshad Khan 7, Will Jacks c Sai Sudharsan b Rashid Khan 53, Suryakumar Yadav c Shahrukh Khan b Sai Kishore 35, Tilak Varma c Shubman Gill b Gerald Coetzee 7, Hardik Pandya c Shubman Gill b Sai Kishore 1, Naman Dhir c Shubman Gill b Prasidh 7, Corbin Bosch run out 27, Deepak Chahar not out 8, Karn Sharma not out 1. Extras (lb-6, w-1) 7. Total (for 8 wickets in 20 overs)

155. Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-26, 3-97, 4-103, 5-106, 6-113, 7-123, 8-150.

Bowling: Mohammed Siraj 3-0-29-1, Arshad Khan 3-0-18-1, Prasidh Krishna 4-0-37-1, R Sai Kishore 4-0-34-2, Rashid Khan 4-0-21-1, Gerald Coetzee 2-0-10-1. **Gujarat Titans:** Sai Sudharsan c Rickelton b Boult 5, Shubman Gill b Bumrah 43, Jos Buttler c Rickelton b Ashwani Kumar 30, Sherfane Rutherford lbw b Boult 28, M. Shahrukh Khan b Bumrah 6, Rahul Tewatia not out 11, Rashid Khan lbw b Ashwani Kumar 2, Gerald Coetzee c Naman Dhir bt Chahar 12. Extras (nb-3, w-6) 9. Total (for 7 wickets in 19 overs) 147. Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-78, 3-113, 4-115, 5-123, 6-126. Bowling: Deepak Chahar 3-0-32-1, Trent Boult 4-0-22-2, Jasprit Bumrah 4-0-19-2, Hardik Pandya 1-0-18-0, Karn Sharma 2-0-13-0, Ashwani Kumar 4-0-28-

> (Win by DLS Method target revised after rain interruptions)

2, Will Jacks 1-0-15-0.

Suryakumar welcomed Prasidh (1/37) into the attack with two straight drives past the bowler but he was lucky when a iousy effort from Sai Kishore at midwicket saw a flick shot going through the fielder's hands.
Arshad did well on his

part but wasn't lucky for a second wicket when a flick from Jacks went straight to Siraj at midwicket, where the India bowler spilled a regulation catch in the sixth



Above: Gujarat Titans bowler Sai Kishore (right) celebrates taking the wicket of Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya during their Indian Premier League match at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on Tuesday.

— DEBASISH DEY

Below: IPL Governing Council member and former chairman of the BCCI's Junior Selection Committee V. Chamundeswarnath (left) watches the IPL match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Delhi Capitals along with women's boxing world champion Nikhat Zareen at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium on Monday.



FOREST'S TOP 5 BID DENTED BY PALACE

Nottingham Forest's bid to qualify for the Champions League suffered a setback as they were held to a damaging 1-1 draw at Crystal Palace

on Monday.
Nuno Espirito Santo's side needed a victory to keep pace with their top five rivals. But Eberechi Eze's second-half penalty put Palace ahead and, although equalised Murillo equalised soon afterwards, Forest left south

outside the Champions League places Forest's Sixth-placed

Europe's elite club competition for the first time since 1980-81 is now out of their hands. They sit two points pehind fifth-placed behind Chelsea and fourth-placed

Newcastle, with third-

placed Manchester City three points ahead of

Forest. Forest have three games

tures against Leicester and West Ham before what could be on a finalday shootout against attempt to appear in Chelsea.

"We were in control of the game. We created and dominated a lot. Second half was different. Good reaction but Palace created problems," Nuno said.

"Palace are really dangerous if they have the shape. It's important not to allow too much counter-attacks," he added.— AFP



Crystal Palace's Eberechi Eze (left) celebrates after scoring a goal against Nottingham Forest during their English Premier League match at Selhurst Park in London on Monday. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

CCOB too strong for Sporting FC

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, MAY 6

City College Old Boys Senior Football Club defeated Hyderabad Sporting FC 3-0 in the Telangana Football Association's 'A' Division Rahim League match at the Artillery Centre Ground. Abdullah Amir opened the scoring in the 16th minute of the match, Shaik Umair Almod doubled the lead in the 43rd minute while Abdullah Amir completed the tally in the 60th minute.

2 RAILWAY FOOTBALLERS BANNED FROM LEAGUE

Meanwhile. Football Telangana Association has suspended two players — Vineeth John Rodricks and Alfred Tennyson — of the South Central Railway team on disciplinary grounds. Rodricks has been suspended for the entire tournament while Alfred Tennyson has been banned for six upcoming "On 26th April 2025, dur-

Sreenidhi Deccan Arena, Vineeth Rodricks was shown a red card for misconduct. Following this, Mr. Alfred Tennyson interfered in the matter, for which he was also shown a red card. Both players behaved in an extremely disrespectful and unacceptable manner by insulting the referee in front of all the players and spectators present at the stadium. They used abusive and filthy language, made personal comments and discriminated against the referee on the basis of colour. Mr. Alfred Tennyson also used unparliamentary language, further tar-nishing the spirit of the game. This behaviour is highly disgraceful. Such actions set a poor example for young and aspiring players, who look up to these professionals as role models," TFA secre-tary G. P. Palguna wrote in a letter to SCR.

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Dhoni Eden s

Kolkata, May 6: Mahendra Singh Dhoni's possible final hurrah at the Eden Gardens will be a captivating sub-plot when Kolkata Knight Riders square off against Chennai Super Kings in a must-win clash in front of a crowd expected to be draped in yellow, here on

Wednesday.
While five-time champions CSK are already out of the playoff race, Dhoni remains at the helm, and his presence alone is expected to turn Eden yellow, despite the match being on KKR's home

has deep personal ties his in-laws live here, and it is where he played much of his junior cricket — Wednesday could end up being emotionally charged for both the 43year-old and his fans.

witnessed many of Dhoni's milestones, from his maiden first-class century to two of his six Test hundreds.

walks out on May 7, many will wonder if it's the last time Dhoni plays at this historic venue. Dhoni, who took respon-

sibility for CSK's narrow two-run loss to RCB in their previous match, is no longer the dominant force he once was.

Despite being in strong position at 172/2 while chasing 214, CSK fell short in the final over. Dhoni was dismissed by

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For a city where Dhoni

The Eden Gardens has

So, when the iconic No.7

May 7, 7:30 pm Eden Gardens, Kolkata Chennai Kolkata Knight Riders Super Kings Overall in IPL 263 Played 250 136 Won 125 Lost 108 No Result 2 2 272/7 Highest Total 246/5

Head-to-Head in IPL Matches played: 30 11 KBK Sports Graphics

ball of the last over, managing 12 runs off 8 balls. He later took the "blame" for the loss. But for the fans, Dhoni

is still an emotion, and a strong one at that.

While it's a do-or-die game for KKR, who must win all their remaining three matches to stay in playoffs contention, the match will be more about celebrating Dhoni's legacy than the result.

KKR currently have 11 points, and winning all three of their remaining games will take them to 17. Even then, qualification could come down to net run-rate and other

CITY CLIPS

Telangana swimmers fetch golds

Swimmers from Telangana won three gold medals on the second day of the Khelo India Youth Games being held in Gaya, Bihar. Mylari Suhas Preetham (100 metres Backstroke), Sri Nithya Sagi (100m Backstroke) and Dhullipudi Varshith (400m Individual Medley) were the top performers.

THE RESULTS

Men's 400m Individual Medley: 1. Varshith Dhulipudi (Telangana) 4 minutes 38.39 seconds, 2. Mongam Theerdhu Sama (Andhra Pradesh) 4:38.87, 3. Amav Ramdas Kadu (Maharashtra) 4:44.74.

Women's 100m Backstroke: 1. Sri Nithya Sagi (Telangana) 1 minute 06.36 seconds, 2. Vihitha Nayana Loganath (Karnataka) 1:07.67, 3. S. Maria Winciya (Tamil Nadu) 1:08.27.

Men's 100m Backstroke: 1. Suhas Preetham Mylari (Telangana) 58.73 seconds, 2. Arjun Singh (Haryana) 59.56, 3. Samarth Gowda B. S (Karnataka) 59.74.



Swimmers Suhas Preetham (from left), Sri Nithya Sagi and Dhullipudi Varshith pose with their gold medals alongside coach John Siddiqui at the Khelo India Youth Games in Gaya, Bihar.

Shashank, Rithwika for World Games

Hyderabad tennis player Macherla Theertha Shashank and Nizamabad swimmer Mittapally Rithwika will represent India at the World Germany, from July 16 to 27. Rithwika won gold at the All India University Selection Trials held in Bengaluru. She represented the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar. Shashank, an MBA student at KL University (Hyderabad), made it to the German event by securing a silver at the All India University Games held in Jaipur.

Masters cricket league begins today

The Veterans Cricket Association of Telangana **▲** (VCAT) is organising Season-2 of its Masters Premier League, a franchise-based tournament involving six teams — Hyderabad Heroes, Ranga Reddy Royals, Adilabad Tigers, Mahabubnagar Warriors, Karimnagar Kings and Nalgonda Lions. The league-cum-knockout tournament sponsored by ARL Tyres will be played at the Prime Arena Cricket Ground from May 7 to 11.